

**St Mary Magdalene, Geddington
and
St Mary the Virgin, Weekley**



**Pentecost
Holy Communion**

Pentecost

The Day of Pentecost marks fifty days since Easter Day and brings the Easter season to an end. It is a major feast of the Church's year when Christians recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus' ascension, empowering them to begin the work of making disciples of all nations.

On the day of Pentecost, as God's Spirit filled the hearts of Jesus' followers, they miraculously started praising God in every possible language, languages they could not previously speak. And the crowd, who were from all around the region and spoke many languages said: "We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own languages!"

You are invited to join in all the words in bold.

Welcome

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We have walked with Jesus through his journey of love. We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross. We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread. And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

As we wait in silence,
fill us with your Spirit.

As we listen to your word,
fill us with your Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty,
fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing,
fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your renewing,
fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your equipping,
fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your empowering,
fill us with your Spirit.

The Pentecost Reading Acts 2:1-21

at the end of the reading, the reader says:

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Prayer for Renewal

Be with us, Spirit of God;

Nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God;

Fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

Bring strength, healing, and peace.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Let us praise and bless God for ever.

The Collect

Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives to bring Christ to the world.

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,

ignite in us your holy fire;

strengthen your children with the gift of faith,

revive your Church with the breath of love,

and renew the face of the earth,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*
Glory to you, O Lord.

at the end of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm together with those who are being baptised the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father source of all being and life, the One for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in Him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in Him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in Him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and,
as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

**Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe You, and all we have heard is true.
When You break bread
may we recognize You as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to Your world. Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please sit or kneel

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is always right to give You thanks,
God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.
You made us and the whole universe,
and filled Your world with life.

You sent Your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
He died to save us from our sins;
He rose in glory from the dead.

You send Your Spirit to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels to celebrate and say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, on the night before He died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked You.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked You, and gave it to them,
saying: Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.
Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.
Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.
Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember His death and resurrection,
send Your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and His blood.

Pour Your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for His coming in glory.
For honour and praise belong to You, Father,
with Jesus Your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.**

**Your Kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.
now and for ever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*All are welcome at God's table. This prayer of Spiritual Communion
is a beautiful way to remember Jesus and abide in Him.*

Spiritual Communion

**Lord Jesus Christ,
since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I humbly pray that you would
come spiritually to my soul.
Come, Lord Jesus, come and cleanse me,
heal me, strengthen me, and unite me to you,
now and for evermore. Amen**

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Come Holy Spirit, to all baptised in Your Name,
that we may turn to good whatever lies ahead.
Give us passion, give us fire;
make us transform the world from what it is,
to what You have created it to be. Amen**

Commission

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church here in Geddington and Weekley, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love? **We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need? **We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God? **We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places? **We will.**

Hymn

Blessing

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives. **Amen**

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord. **Amen**

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. **Amen**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.