



The Day of Pentecost Gŵyl y Pentecost



Sunday 24th May 2026

Hymn

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*Bianco da Siena 1434
Tr. Richard Frederick Littlehale 1833-1890*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The priest introduces the service

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified,
risen and ascended Lord and we have walked
with him 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.
We have seen his return to the throne before
which every knee shall bow
and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord.
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.

Responsory

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.

Silence is kept.

Prayer for Personal 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.

Gloria in Excelsis

Please Stand

**Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!
Peace to all your people through the earth be given:
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
Singing alleluias to our heavenly King.
Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:
With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!**

**Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.
Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,
Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores:
In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!**

Tune: Rachie

The Collect

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

Silence is kept.

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Acts 2. 1-21

Please Sit

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among

them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

The Gospel

Please Stand

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Now he is risen, the Christ.
Out of the tomb he is risen;
he has conquered death,
opened heaven to all believers.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Fintan O'Carroll 1922-1981
Christopher Walker b.1947
Tune: Celtic Alleluia*

John 20. 19-23

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

The Sermon

Please Sit

The Affirmation of Faith

Please Stand

Let us proclaim the Christian faith into which we were baptised
and in which we live and grow:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

Please Sit

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Please Stand

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 with you always. Alleluia. Alleluia.
and also with you. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of the Lord's peace.

Hymn

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your helping gifts alone.

Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as Advocate to plead,
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
come yourself to make us live,
holy through your loving presence,
holy through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

*Brian Foley 1919-2000
Tune: All for Jesus*

The Thanksgiving

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.

**We take this bread,
we take this wine
to follow Christ's example
and obey his command.**

Prayer over the Gifts

O God, life-giving Spirit,
Spirit of healing and comfort, of integrity and truth,
warm-winged Spirit, brooding over creation,
rushing wind and Pentecostal fire:
help us by this sacrament to commit ourselves
to work with you and renew our world;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 our thanks and praise.

True and living God, the source of life for all creation,
you have made us in your own image.
Always and everywhere we give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today we give you thanks
because you have brought to completion the paschal mystery.
You fulfil your promise by pouring out your Spirit on your people,
uniting many tongues into one confession of faith.
We rejoice as members of your Church
in which your Spirit inspires the proclamation
of good news to all the nations
and gives your people grace to serve you
until your Son Jesus Christ will come
to bring us all into your Kingdom.

Therefore, with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we praise your glorious name:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.
And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love.
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Gracious Father, gracious Father,
Blessed is the one who comes to us
in your name.
And we lift our hearts before you
as we give you thanks and praise.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be for us the body and blood of your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ;
because on the night he was betrayed he took bread,
and when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said,

Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you:
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks he gave it to them and said,
Drink this, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins:
do this as often as you drink it
in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, loving God,
recalling now the sacrifice of Christ your Son
once for all upon the cross
and the triumph of his resurrection,
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit on us
that we may be filled with your life and goodness
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom
Unite us in Christ and give us your peace
that we may do your work and be his body in the world.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Silence is kept

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

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

The priest breaks the bread.

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

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

We Sing

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

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

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

The Invitation to Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Hymn at the end of Communion

O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire
and still stir up the gift in me.

Still let me prove thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley 1707-1788
Tune: Hereford

Silence is kept

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.

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.**

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

God stir up in you the gifts of his Spirit, that you may witness to Christ the Lord and proclaim the joy of the eternal Gospel. 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 peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Final Hymn

Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Inflame our souls with love,
transforming every heart and home
with wisdom from above.
O let us not despise
the humble path Christ trod,
but choose, to shame the worldly-wise,
the foolishness of God.

Come with the gift to heal
the wounds of guilt and fear,
and to oppression's face reveal
the kingdom drawing near.
Where chaos longs to reign,
descend, O holy Dove,
and free us all to work again
the miracles of love.

Spirit of truth, arise;
inspire the prophet's voice:
expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,
and bid the poor rejoice.
O Spirit, clear our sight,
all prejudice remove,
and help us to discern the right,
and covet only love.

Come, Holy Spirit, dance
within our hearts today,
our earthbound spirits to entrance,
our mortal fears allay.
And teach us to desire,
all other things above,
that self-consuming holy fire,
the perfect gift of love!

Michael Forster b.1946
Tune: Diademata



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Notices

Refreshments. Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

Safeguarding. Children, young people and vulnerable adults are an important part of the community of the Church in Wales and St Asaph Parish Church. They are respected and cherished for their own sake. The Parish Church is committed to take seriously its responsibilities to protect children, young children and vulnerable adults and safeguard their welfare. The Parish Church adopts the Church in Wales Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy and upholds its Code of Good Practice.

For more information, visit:

www.churchinwales.org.uk/safeguarding

Praying for Growth. Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer:

*God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your
Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Community Fridge takes place every Sunday from 4-5pm at the Parish Church.

Sunday Sheet. Please take this sheet home with you for the notices for the week and to pray for what is happening in the life of our Church.

Afternoon Teas take place at the Parish Church at 2pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. The next dates are:

Thursday 4th June

Thursday 18th June

All welcome!

Curate. Elin Douglas-Jones, who is to be ordained Deacon at the end of June at the Cathedral, will be joining us in the Elwy Mission Area to serve her curacy. Please do pray for Elin as she prepares for ordination and please support her with your presence at the cathedral on the afternoon on Sunday 28th June.

Email List. A weekly information email is sent out to all in the Mission Area who are on the list. If you do not receive this email but would like to please email:

hello@stasaphcathedral.wales to be added to the list.

Jubilate Choir is run by Ian Higginson, who has given organ recitals at the Cathedral and accompanied the Choir on their tour to Finland in 2025. Jubilate will be giving concert at the Cathedral on Saturday 6th June at 7pm and also singing with the Cathedral choir on Sunday morning 7th June, and singing Evensong in the afternoon. Do come along if you can.

St Mary's Cefn has a celebration of the Eucharist in the 1st and 3rd Sunday of

each month. The next services are as follows:

31st May at 6pm

7th June at 9.30am

Ways of Giving to the work of the Parish Church. We are very grateful to all those who contribute financially to the life and witness of our Parish Church. There are various ways to do this:

1. The Collection plate near the entrance to the Church
 2. Setting up a Standing Order. Contact Dave Bradley for the bank details
 3. Gift Direct. Set up regular giving or make a one off donation.
- For Gift Direct you can use the QR code below. Thank you very much.



The Week Ahead

25th Monday – Bede

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

26th Tuesday – Augustine, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Toddler Group *at the Parish*

Church

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist

27th Wednesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

28th Thursday – Melangell, Abbess

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish*

Church

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish*

Church

5pm Evening Prayer

29th Friday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)

5pm Evening Prayer

30th Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

31st Sunday – TRINITY SUNDAY

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Evening Prayer

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