**The Parish Church of**

**St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford**

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**Pentecost**

**Sunday 8th June, 2025**

**10am**

**Parish & Family Communion service**

**“Children of the Spirit”**

*A warm welcome to all to our Family Eucharist this morning. We are joined by the children throughout the service and are looking forward to their participation in all parts of the service. Children are welcome to sit with their families or to come and sit at the front, nearer the action!*

**THE OPENING HYMN** **– Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

**Inflame our souls with love,**

**transforming every heart and home**

**with wisdom from above.**

**Let none of us 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, Tune DIADEMATA*

**THE WELCOME AND GATHERING**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**All and also with you**

**LIGHTING THE PASCHAL CANDLE**

*We light the special Easter Candle for the last time in Easter season.*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed.  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you the things you have done wrong,  
and bring you to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

**THE COLLECT**

**All 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.**

**HYMN – The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want**

**The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want  
He makes me lie in pastures green  
He leads me by the still still waters  
His goodness restores my soul**

***Refrain:***

***And I will trust in You alone  
And I will trust in You alone  
For Your endless mercy follows me  
Your goodness will lead me home***

**He guides my ways in righteousness  
And He anoints my head with oil  
And my cup it overflows with joy  
I feast on His pure delights**

***Refrain***

**And though I walk the darkest path  
I will not fear the evil one  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know *Refrain***

*Stuart Townend*

**THE READINGS**

**THE GOSPEL**

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

**All Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**All Glory to you O Lord**

“If you love me, you will do the things I command. I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper. He will give you this Helper to be with you forever. The Helper is the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him because it does not see him or know him. But you know him. He lives with you and he will be in you.

*John 14:15-17*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All Praise to you O Christ**

Our second reading is from the book of Acts.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a noise came from heaven. It sounded like a strong wind blowing. This noise filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw something that looked like flames of fire. The flames were separated and stood over each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages. The Holy Spirit was giving them the power to speak these languages.

*Acts 2:1-4*

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God.**

**REFLECTION** – The Work of the Spirit

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The following responses may be used:*

Lord in your mercy

**All Hear our prayer.**

*At the end we say,*

Merciful father,

**All 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 always with you

**All** **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*During the hymn and prayer which follow, the children are invited to make a Holy Spirit wreath in the children’s area to the left of seating area. They will have the opportunity to wave these during the final hymn.*

**THE OFFERTORY HYMN** **– Breathe on me, Breath of God**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love,  
And do what thou wouldst do.  
  
Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.  
  
Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with the fire divine.  
  
Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with thee the perfect life  
Of thine eternity.** *Edwin Hatch, Tune CARLISLE*

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.  
Father, by your Holy Spirit you keep the Church in unity and truth. As we break bread together, may we be one with Christ in faith and hope and love, now and for ever.

**All Amen**

The Lord is here

**All His Spirit is with us.**

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

Let us give thanks to God.

**All 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.

**All Holy, holy, holy.**

Through baptism, you send your Spirit

To bring new life to your people,

and clothe us with power from on high.

**All Holy, holy, holy**

And now we give you thanks   
because by the Holy Spirit you lead us into all truth,   
and give us power to proclaim your gospel to the nations,   
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

**All Holy, holy, holy**

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.

**All Jesus Christ has died.**

Jesus Christ is risen.

**All Jesus Christ is risen.**

Jesus Christ will come again.

**All 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.

**All Amen, Amen, Amen.**

And now we give you thanks  
because he was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.  
By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,  
and to live no longer for ourselves alone,  
but for him who died for us and rose again.

**All Amen, Amen, Amen.**

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,

with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:

one God, for ever and ever.

**All Amen, Amen, Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,   
hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come; thy will be done;**

**on earth as it is in heaven.   
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,   
as we forgive those who trespass against us.   
And lead us not into temptation;**

**but deliver us from evil.   
For thine is the kingdom,**

**the power and the glory,**

**for ever and ever.**

**Amen**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The president breaks the bread*

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

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

**AGNUS DEI**

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:**

**grant us peace.** *D.Thorne*

**GIVING OF COMMUNION**

*If you are used to receiving communion in your own church, you are welcome to do so here. Gluten-free bread is available - please just ask. We line up from the right hand side - if, for any reason, you cannot take from the common cup, please do not try to intinct (dip) your wafer - wafers with wine are available, please just ask. If you would like to receive a blessing, please keep your hands down.*

**COMMUNION HYMN – Spirit of the living God**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

*Daniel Iverson*

**ANTHEM – Come, Holy Spirit, Thomas Attwood**

**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.

**All Amen**

**All Faithful God,  
in baptism you have adopted us as your children,  
made us members of the body of Christ  
and chosen us to inherit your kingdom:  
send us out as disciples of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**NOTICES (& Mary Mouse)**

**COMMISSION**

*The congregation are given candles which are lit from the Pascal Candle. When all the candles are lit the president says*

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 Great Shelford, 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?

**All By the Spirit’s power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

**All We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

**All We will.**

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

**All We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world’s dark places?

**All We will.**

*During the hymn, children are invited to come to the altar to join in the procession at the end of the service.*

**CLOSING HYMN – Love Divine, all loves excelling**

**Love Divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.  
  
Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.  
  
Finish, then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

*Charles Wesley, Tune BLAENWERN*

**THE BLESSING**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be among you,   
and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

**THE DISMISSAL**

With the power of the Holy Spirit at work within you,   
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

***You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the Community Room after this service.***