

# THE ORDER OF MASS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rm 5:5; cf. 8:11

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

## THE COLLECT

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

Ps 103:1.24. 29-31. 34. R.cf v30

**R) Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are.

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches. **(R)**

You take back your spirit, they die,

returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the earth. **(R)**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord. **(R)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Galatians 5:16-25

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasurers which endure;  
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;  
Pleasant coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay;  
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength  
renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew;

Wash the stains of guilt away:  
Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;

Guide the steps that go astray.  
Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,

With thy sevenfold gifts descend:  
Give us comfort when we die;  
Give us life with thee on high;  
Give us joys that never end.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

John 15:26-27;16:12-15

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes,  
whom I shall send to you from the Father,  
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,  
he will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses,  
because you have been with me from the outset.

I still have many things to say to you  
but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes  
he will lead you to the complete truth,  
since he will not be speaking as from himself  
but will say only what he has learnt;  
and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me,  
since all he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.  
Everything the Father has is mine;  
that is why I said:  
All he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord,  
that, as promised by your Son,  
the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly  
the hidden mystery of this sacrifice  
and graciously lead us into all truth.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Acts 2:4,11

**They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church,  
safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given,  
that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her  
may retain all its force  
and that this spiritual food  
may gain her abundance of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Whenever the Priest says:*  
The Lord be with you.

*The people reply:*

And with your spirit.

## Penitential Act

**I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have  
failed to do,**

*And, striking their breast, they say:*

**through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;**

**therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*Or:*

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**For we have sinned against you.**

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**And grant us your salvation.**

*Or:*

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.

**Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy. *Or:* Christe, eleison.

**Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.**

You are seated at the right hand of the

Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.

**Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

## The Gloria

**Glorify God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Or:*

## The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

*All bow*

**born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),...

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
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.**

*Kneel*

The mystery of faith.

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

*Or:*

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

*Stand*

*Or:*

**Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.**

## The Communion Rite

Behold the Lamb of God...

**Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

*All bow*

## The Concluding Rites

*After the blessing the Deacon, or the Priest, says:*

Go forth, the Mass is ended. *Or:*

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. *Or:*

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. *Or:*

Go in peace.

*The people reply:*

**Thanks be to God.**



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	22nd		St Wilfrid's	
		<b>Pentecost</b>		
Sun	23rd	9.00am	St George's -	Mary Kenward RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	People of the Parish and Confirmation
Mon	24th		St George's -	
Tue	25th	10.00am	St George's -	Gerry MulQueen RIP
Wed	26th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Kenneth & Jean Compton RIP
Thurs	27th		St Georges -	
Fri	28th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Grace Verrell RIP
Sat	29th		St Wilfrid's -	
		<b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>		
Sun	30th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Dorothy Blake RIP

**St George's Church**, Masses are now held on Tuesdays, at 10am and Sundays, 9am **Booking is essential - ring 870990.**  
**Booking for St Wilfrid's Church:** Go to our website [www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk](http://www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk), click the link "Book a Mass" on the righthand side of the front page, select your Mass and follow the instructions, or contact the office on 841504.

**IMPORTANT:** Going into hospital? Would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplaincy? Ring 417400, ext. 4145 and leave a message for the Catholic Chaplain. Please also let Fr Rory know.

**St Thomas a Becket Nursery School:** Tel 01323 725977 **St Thomas a Becket Primary School:** Tel 01323 737221  
**St Richard's Catholic College, Bexhill:** Tel 01424 731070

**New to the Parish or would like to get back in touch but not sure how?** Please complete the welcome form available in the porch and/or make yourself known to Fr. Rory. *It would be great to get to know you and offer any help.*

### USEFUL PARISH INFORMATION

St Wilfrid's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 832577  
St George's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 487212  
St George's & St Wilfrid's Finance Committee Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Monika Beaver  
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**ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE**  
Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753  
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Prayer Line .....Jean Barham-Wyatt Tel: (01323) 842824

**CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM**

**POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER**

Contact: Margaret Piegrome 01323 870990  
Contact Care: 07900 823138

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** those who are unwell: Lily May, Edna Andrews, Juliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Angela Archer, Colleen, Chris Neyenhuizen, Letty Booth and Michael Copper.

**PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE NAMED IN THE BOOKS IN OUR CHURCHES**

Newsletter items: Please send to Jackie at [ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com), tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday.**  
Office Hours Monday 9am-1pm, Wednesday 8.45am-12.45pm & Friday 9am-12.30pm

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The Twelfth Station: **Jesus ascends into heaven to return at the end of time.**

When the day of Pentecost came ... **the disciples were waiting.** It was after the crucifixion when word of the resurrection started spreading. Some of the disciples had witnessed the ascension, but the disturbance caused by the crucifixion was the predominant factor, and fear was part of the environment. We started with the way of the cross for Lent, with the current fear of the virus very real.

**We love you Lord Jesus and we trust in you for you rose from the dead and have sent your Holy Spirit to live in us.**

Jesus promises the coming of the Holy Spirit to help and inspire the disciples in their work.

And then they actually see and witness Jesus ascending into heaven.

Two angels are there to remind us that he has not gone for good but will be back.

Help us Jesus to await your return with faith and eagerness, and to look forward to our own resurrection on the last day.

Alleluia, Alleluia  
Give thanks to the risen Lord  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Give praise to his name.

The Thirteenth Station: **Mary and the apostles pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit.**

So from the Mount of Olives they went back to Jerusalem and when they reached the city they went to the upper room.

In the newsletter last week was a point of focus for all of us; St George's and St Wilfrid's Churches - two communities, one parish. As we move out of lockdown and look forward to the future, we can anticipate sharing events and news more often.

**We love you Lord Jesus and we trust in you for you rose from the dead and have sent your Holy Spirit to live in us.**

The apostles prayed together for nine whole days with Mary and several other women,  
whilst waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus please help us to remember the effects of common prayer,  
and to use it, not only for our own good, but especially for the Peace and wellbeing of the whole world.

Alleluia, Alleluia  
Give thanks to the risen Lord  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Give praise to his name.

The Fourteenth Station: **Jesus sends the promised Holy Spirit upon Mary and the apostles.**

**When Pentecost day came round they had all met together, when suddenly came from heaven a sound as of a violent wind, which filled the entire room.** When I was in the seminary a phenomena called "charismatic renewal" was in the air, the life in the spirit seminars began to develop. One of the phenomena most spoken about was "speaking in tongues". I was occasionally involved, certainly witness to "praying in tongues". Through the years I have from time to time found this to be very helpful, especially when in the church praying on my own. The early accounts add to this; they were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages as the Holy Spirit give them the power to express themselves.

**We love you Lord Jesus and we trust in you for you rose from the dead and have sent your Holy Spirit to live in us.**

This extraordinary Spirit empowered Peter - previously unreliable - clearly to confirm and proclaim Jesus' Resurrection to the great crowd; and the Spirit empowered every listener to understand in his or her own language.

Come Holy Spirit, come to us, and strengthen our faith. May we, with your help, spread our faith to our neighbours. Jesus help us to remember that it is through your Resurrection that we have the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire us throughout our daily lives. Lord Jesus we thank you for such a wonderful miracle.

Alleluia, Alleluia  
Give thanks to the risen Lord  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Give praise to his name

*Jr Kory*

### Deacon John Writes:

This Sunday is called Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost literally means 50th. It is a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus by Christians.

There were 4 important and unique events which happened on the day of Pentecost:

1. The Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary as fiery tongues. The frightened apostles were transformed into fiery preachers and evangelisers and were given the gift of tongues by a special anointing of the Holy Spirit.
2. The listeners experienced a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit through the apostles' gift of tongues: they heard Peter speaking in their native languages.
3. The early Christians became powerful witnesses and brave martyrs for their Faith in Jesus.

The Holy Spirit plays a huge role in our lives as Christians. Some of these roles are:

1. As an indwelling God, the Holy Spirit makes us His Living Temples (I Cor 3:16).
2. As a strengthening God, He strengthens us in our fight against temptations and in our mission of bearing witness to Christ by our transparent Christian lives.
3. As a sanctifying God, He makes us holy through the Sacraments: Through **Baptism** He makes us children of God and heirs of Heaven. Through **Confirmation**, He makes us temples of God, warriors, and defenders of the Faith. Through the Sacrament of **Reconciliation**, He enables us to be reconciled with God by pardoning our sins. Through the Sacrament of the **Holy Eucharist**, He gives us spiritual nourishment by converting bread and wine into Jesus' Body. Through the Sacraments of **Ordination** and **Marriage**, He makes the Church community holy.
4. As a teaching and guiding God, He clarifies and constantly reminds us of Christ's teachings and guides the Church in presenting Christ's teachings correctly.
5. As a listening and speaking God, He listens to our prayers, enables us to pray, and speaks to us, mainly through the Bible.
6. As a Giver of gifts, He gives us His gifts, fruits, and charisms, thereby enriching the Church.

*Deacon John*

**Mary Kenward's Funeral Service** will be held at 12 noon, on Wednesday, 2nd June 2021, at Horam Cemetery. All parishioners are welcome to the Service and, afterwards, to The May Garland pub in Horam to celebrate Mary's life.

### St Wilfrid's Children's Liturgy will restart in September:

St Wilfrid's First Holy Communion Introductory meeting will be in September. If your child would like to receive their First Holy Communion 2021/2022 please email your name, child's full name and contact details to the church email. Any queries please see Annette or Teresa.

**St George's Children's Liturgy:** We are delighted that Children's Liturgy has now returned bi-weekly in St George's Hall. The dates we will be in session are as follows: 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> June, and 20<sup>th</sup> June. We may return to weekly from July but will be guided by the Covid-19 changes. All children are welcome to the sessions but you must book in advance by contacting Sandra by email at [sandraforte40@gmail.com](mailto:sandraforte40@gmail.com) or phone 07791 627368.

**St George's First Holy Communion** – We are delighted to confirm that on 27<sup>th</sup> June three of our children will share Communion for the first time at St George's Church. We hope to be able to welcome as many parishioners as possible to attend this service, priority will be given to the families' guests, but there will be space for others. If you wish to attend please contact Margaret Piegrome or Sandra King. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers at this very special time in their Faith Journey.

**Confirmation** – Plans are currently underway to prepare Catechists to undertake Confirmation instruction for children, who will be in year 10 and above, and wish to take the Sacrament in 2022. More details to follow once a programme has been fully planned by the Catechists and Children's Liturgy team.

**Smarties** – thank you to all the children who saved their pennies during Lent in their Smartie tubes. The money raised was for us to buy something for Chestnut Tree House. This could buy arts and craft materials, Lego or games, but we want to know what the children would like to buy so please ask them to vote for their preferred purchase and text the choice to Sandra on 07791627368.

### 2021 - A year of opportunity

#### An online talk with Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD

26th May at 7.30 pm, Cost £5

This year the UK will host two major international gatherings: the G7 and the Climate Conference (COP26). Christine Allen will explore ways in which these events could make a difference to our world, especially to the lives of people who live in poverty. She will reflect on the impact of COVID-19 and draw lessons for the future for our interdependence with one another and with our natural world as we seek to recover and heal after the pandemic. You can [book online](#) or T: 01428 642161