

Service for Pentecost



St Laurence Church, Downton

23 May 2021

Preparation

Acclamation

Come, Holy Spirit. **Alleluia!**

You will receive power

when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. Alleluia!

By this we know that we abide in God and he in us,

Because he has given us his Spirit. Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit. Alleluia!

The Team Rector introduces the service

Music: Come down, O love divine

(St Martin's Voices)

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.

Discendi, amor santo Bianco da Siena (died 1434)
Translated Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

Prayer:

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept

Blessed are you, sovereign God and eternal Father.
Daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth,
bringing strength out of weakness,
hope out of despair and life out of death.
By the power of your Spirit,
may your blessing rest upon us
a sign of your acceptance and adoption,
your equipping and empowering.
Form in us the likeness of Christ,
that we may be witnesses of your astonishing love,
and fill us afresh with life in all its fullness.

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Gloria in Excelsis:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

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

**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 Responses

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. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

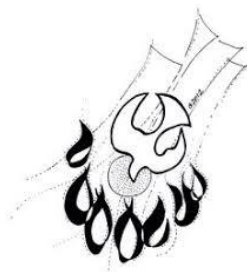
Readings:

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4-15

After each reading:

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Reflection

Music: Breathe on me, breath of God
(St Martin's Voices)

Prayers

We are led in a time of prayer

This response is used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer is said:

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

Conclusion

The Collect

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.**

Blessing:

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you
to proclaim the word and works of God;
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.