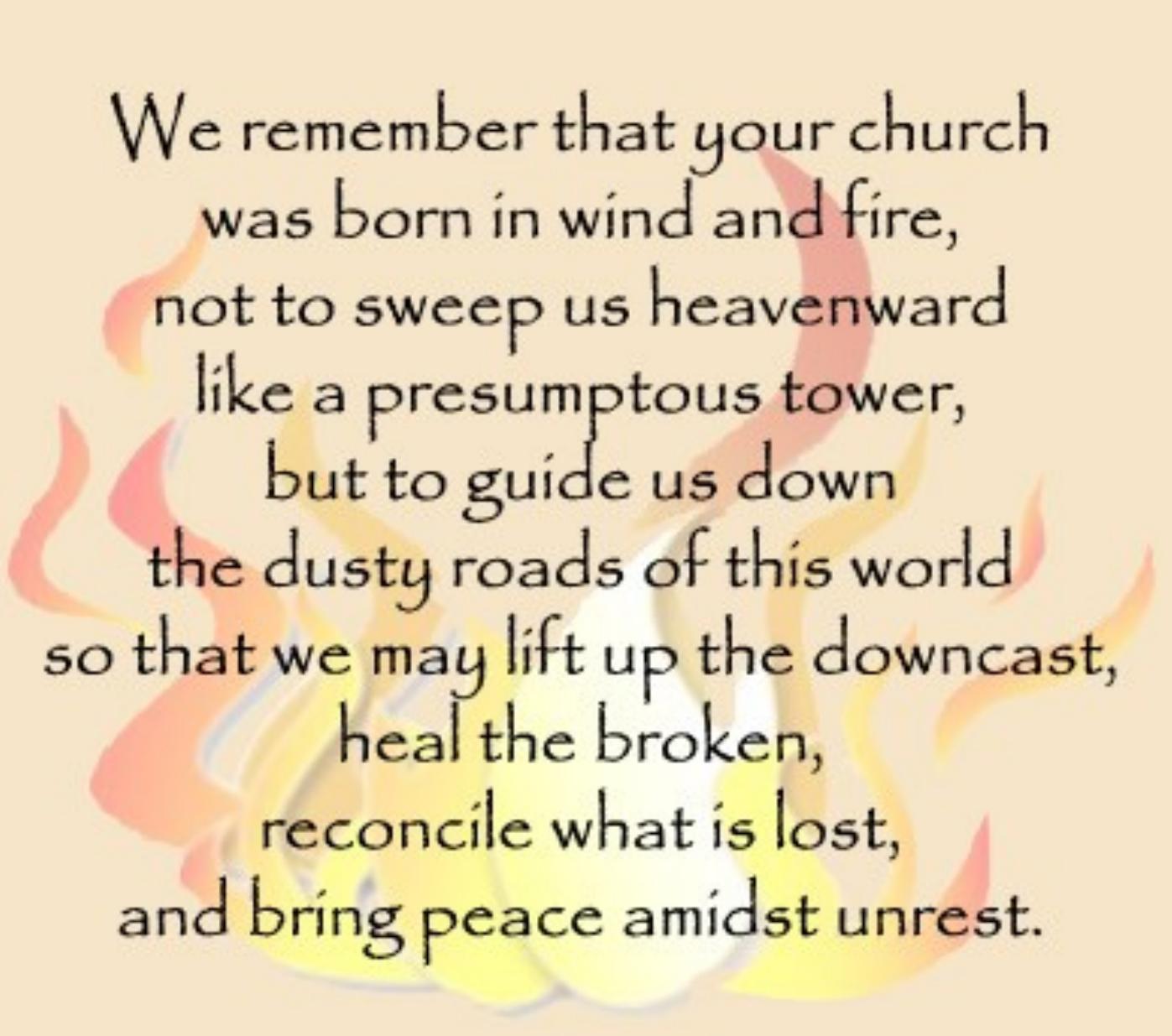


# The Parish Church of St Giles with St Mary's, Pontefract



We remember that your church  
was born in wind and fire,  
not to sweep us heavenward  
like a presumptuous tower,  
but to guide us down  
the dusty roads of this world  
so that we may lift up the downcast,  
heal the broken,  
reconcile what is lost,  
and bring peace amidst unrest.

The Feast of Pentecost  
23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021, 10.15 a.m.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP- helping to keep each other safe.

- FACE MASKS – must be worn unless you are exempt
- TEST AND TRACE – Please give your details to the sidesperson or use the NHS 'Test and Trace' app
- HAND HYGIENE – Please sanitise on entry and exit and before receiving communion
- SOCIAL DISTANCING – The 2 metres rule to be followed, or if not possible 1 metre plus with mitigations
- SEATING ARRANGEMENTS – You will be seated in appropriate seats by the sidespeople
- SERVICE SHEETS – Please take home with you
- THE PEACE – please only share by a smile or wave
- RECEIVING COMMUNION – The sidespeople will direct you. Please sanitise your hands as directed. When you reach the priest, please remove your mask and stretch out your hands.
- AT THE END OF THE SERVICE - Please remain in your seat until a steward asks you to leave, and then please go directly to the designated exit as guided by them.
- FOOD AND DRINK – sadly, there can be no refreshments available after the service.
- LIGHTING OF CANDLES – can be done after the service.
- TOILETS -Toilet facilities are available, but only one person will be able to enter the toilet area at a time to ensure social distancing.
- TITHES AND OFFERINGS – please place onto the plate near the exit door.
- CAR TRAVEL - it is permitted for lifts to be given whilst observing good ventilation, face coverings being worn and precautions taken about seating as far as possible.

Once in the building, in the light of the continued covid restrictions, could we respectfully ask you not to pursue conversations with others seated near you, but not part of your family/bubble. 'Everyone else will need to observe appropriate physical distancing at all times'. Care needs to be taken on entering and exiting to avoid mingling between households or bubbles. Gatherings of up to 30 are now permitted outdoors.

(Church of England Advice paras 21 & 24 update May 17th).

A bell is rung to begin our worship.

# The Gathering

## Introit 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 illumining.



Italian, Santo Bianco da Siena (d. 1434);  
tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

†In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## The Greeting

*The president greets the people*

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.

## Invitation to confession

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

1 Corinthians 2.9,10

## Prayer of Penitence

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.....**

*The president says*

The almighty and merciful Lord <sup>†</sup>grant you pardon  
and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life,  
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## 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.*



## 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 Collect for the Feast of Pentecost

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

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

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.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading      Acts 2.1-21

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:

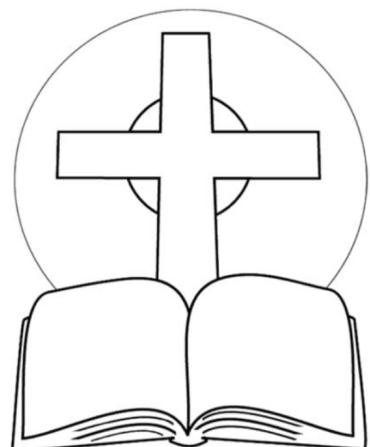
“In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

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.”



This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Gospel Alleluia

## Gospel Reading      John 15.26-27, 16.4-15

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.'

'I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

# Affirmation of Faith

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

**We 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?

**We 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?

**We 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

In the power of the Spirit  
and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*After each prayer:*      Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit**

*We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:*

Pam; Jonathan; Steph; Brenda; Janet; Morag; Catherine; Cynthia; Denzil & David; Andrew & Jenny; Ali & Barbara Berridge; Roy & Judith Garner; Ann Knox; Gayle Ablethorpe; Janis Gallagher; Lucy Nicholl; Rhys Williams; Anita Murray; David Murray; Jonathan Bellamy; Maureen Steane; Pat Steel; Robert Metcalfe; Tracy Birkitt; Kathryn Lacey.

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Arlene Graiff; Alan Chadwick; Stephen Wilson; Joan Senior; Ron Senior; Peter Dewes; Alan Brewis.

*Those whose years mind falls at this time:*

Gladys Ackling; Maurice Lionel Couchman (Priest); Isabella May Burgess; Dorothy Trevorow; James Thomas Hayward; Alma Beatrice Kaye; Gary Newbert.

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

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## 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.

cf 2 Corinthians 1.22

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*Please DO NOT share the peace physically*

## Preparation of the Altar

## Offertory Hymn

*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.*

Italian, Santo Bianco da Siena (d. 1434);  
tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

# Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed be God,  
who feeds the hungry,  
who raises the poor,  
who fills our praise.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my brothers and sisters  
that this my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

**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 church.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

Let us pray.

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 indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

This day we give you thanks  
because in fulfilment of your promise  
you pour out your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,  
and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.



Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,  
to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,  
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,  
to proclaim the glory of your name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

## **Sanctus & Benedictus** Nardone - The Kilcreggan Mass

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Father of all, we give you thanks  
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again

and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, we pray as our Saviour 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.**

# Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated 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 Nardone - The Kilcreggan Mass

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

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

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

# Giving of Communion

*The president says the invitation to communion.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

The body of Christ broken for you. **Amen.**

*Those who feel unable or do not wish to receive communion at the moment, may use this prayer silently as a spiritual act of communion.*

**In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church,  
where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise  
and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the  
earnest wish that I may always be united to you.**

**And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to  
come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace  
you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you  
from me.**

**May I live and die in your love.**

## Choir Anthem

*Come, Holy Ghost - Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)*

*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
and lighten with celestial fire.  
Thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.  
Thy blessed unction from above  
is comfort, life, and fire of love.*

*Enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our blinded sight.  
Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
with the abundance of thy grace.  
Keep far from foes, give peace at home:  
where thou art guide, no ill can come.*

*Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and thee, of both, to be but One,  
that through the ages all along,  
this may be our endless song:  
Praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

**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 Dismissal

### Blessing of Light

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.  
With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.  
Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.  
Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word;  
the young receive visions, the old receive dreams.  
With the new wine of the Spirit  
they proclaim your reign of love.  
Amid the birth pangs of the new creation  
the way of light is made known.  
Source of freedom, giver of life,  
blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## 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 Pontefract, 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.**

## Conclusion

*The president says*

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.

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,..

**Amen.**

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

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

## Hymn

*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), alt.

*The altar party departs.*

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