

SOUTH WOLD DEANERY

Pentecost



Call to Worship

The winds of the Spirit are starting to move, be ready to be amazed and astonished. The Spirit is here speaking to us, and through us.

All Come to us Holy Spirit, let God's presence fill our hearts, drawing us to praise Him anew

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation

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With power from above to make our weakness strong, with rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers

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With love, joy, peace and healing

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Children of Bishop Wilton School: SHINE JESUS SHINE

Confession

As we celebrate the birth of the church today we take a moment to be honest with God and ourselves about our failings. Knowing that our prayers will be met with God's love, let us confess our sins

O God we know the Pentecost story, your spirit is with us, your church is born and the day of the Lord is coming. You have gathered all people together in your spirit and you have brought life to all valleys of death

All Still O Lord we cannot trust you.

Still O Lord we turn away for we fear our hope is lost.

Still O Lord we experience isolation for we fear we are cut off from your presence. Forgive us Holy One

As you did for your first disciples breathe the fire of life into us

All Reveal to us your life giving presence

God brings us new life and new hope in our weakness. God washes us in mercy and ignites us with the spirit. By the grace of God through Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free.

All Amen

Collect

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.

All Amen

Hymn: CONSUMING FIRE

Ministry of the Word

Come Holy Spirit, and fill us with the thunder of your boundary breaking love

All Come Holy Spirit and fill our reading with the fire of your call to the church

Come Holy Spirit and fill our hearing with the mystery of our faith

Our Reading from the New Testament Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

This is the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn: COME DOWN O LOVE DIVINE

Gospel Reading

There are varieties of gifts but the same spirit.

All There are varieties of service but the same Lord. We are all brought into one body by baptism in the one Spirit.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you O Lord

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Peace

As forgiven people let us share forgiveness with one another, pointing beyond our reality to the peace of God's reign. The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you

Hymn: HOSANNA

Intercessions

LED BY THE CHILDREN OF BISHOP WILTON SCHOOL

ending with The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that 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.**

Hymn: SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Response to our worship

You have given yourself to us Lord
All and now we give ourselves to others

You have sent your Holy Spirit and made us a gifted people
All as people of the Pentecost we will serve you and proclaim your good news with joy

Your glory has filled our hearts
All help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn: GOODNESS OF GOD