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THE EUCHARIST
Pentecost

28th May 2023
10.00am

Welcome to Lancaster Priory

We are really pleased that you are worshipping with us today. Wherever you have come from, this is your church and you are unconditionally welcome.

Today we are celebrating Pentecost. Pentecost was originally the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which was completed on the fiftieth day after Passover. The Christian church, however, remembers on this day the events that occurred on the Pentecost after the first Easter day. Jesus had commanded his followers to go out into all the world and take up his mission now he had ascended to be with the Father. At Pentecost, God sent the Holy Spirit to empower the church to obey that command.

At Pentecost we celebrate the Spirit and the Church, remembering and giving thanks for God's continuing promise to empower us to carry out his mission in the world.

Today's service (Pentecost):

President and Preacher: The Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders

The Readers: David Lewis, Christine Dickinson Intercessor: Kaarina Leong

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist

Director of Music: Jeremy Truslove

Choir: Girls and Lower Voices. Setting: *Spatzenmesse* (Mozart)



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The Welcome and Notices

Please stand as the choir, servers and clergy enter and the altar is censed.

Hymn (NEH 137 +CH4 608)

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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. Spirit of truth and grace,
come to us in this place
as now in Jesus' name God's people gather.
Open our eyes to see
truths that will ever be,
and in communion draw us closer together.

6. Spirit of joy and peace,
make all anxieties cease
with knowledge of the Father's perfect caring.
Then may God's children know
love that won't let us go
and joy that fills each day, beyond comparing.

7. Spirit of life and power,
revive us in this hour
and stir our hearts to praise with true devotion.

Fill us with heavenly fire,

And every heart inspire,

That we may serve the world with your compassion.

tr: RF Littledale 1833-1890

v6-7: I.D. Cunningham b. 1954

The Greeting *The president says*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Young Church and their leaders gather at the front and the president prays with them before they go to their activities.

Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness *The deacon says*

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.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The choir sings the Kyrie. (Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

The Absolution *The priest says*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Gloria *The choir sings*

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, Benedicimus te,
Adoramus te, Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris,
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus.
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.
Cum sancto Spiritu,
in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace,
goodwill towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God
the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

The Collect *The priest says 'let us pray' and silence is kept.*

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.**

The First Reading Acts 2.1-21 *Please sit.*

A reading from the Book of 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." For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn (CH4 600)

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove,
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love.*

1. You spoke to us long, long ago,
gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth,
through it God's voice is heard.

2. Without your help we fail our Lord,
We cannot live his way;
We need your power, we need your
strength,
Following Christ each day.

Margaret V. Old (1932-2001)

The Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 3-13

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says ‘Let Jesus be cursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

The Gospel Acclamation and Reading John 20: 19-23 *Please stand. The cantor sings*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

The deacon says Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John **Glory to you, O Lord**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon *Please sit.*

The Creed *Please stand.*

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us

with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession *Please sit.*

This response is used Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

And at the end Merciful Father, 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 **and also with you**

The deacon says Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We offer one another with a sign of peace.

The Offertory Hymn (CH4 594 t.NEH352) *A collection will be taken.*

Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Inflame our souls with love,
transforming every heart and home
with wisdom from above.
O let us not despise
the humble path Christ trod,
but choose, to shame the worldly-wise,
the foolishness of God.

2. 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.

3. Spirit of truth, arise;
inspire the prophet's voice:
expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,
and bid the poor rejoice.

4. Give us the tongues to speak,
in every time and place,
to rich and poor, to strong and weak,
the word of love and grace.
Enable us to hear
the words that others bring,
interpreting with open ear
the special song they sing.

5. 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 (b.1946)

O Spirit, clear our sight,
all prejudice remove,
and help us to discern the right,
and covet only love.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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**

The president gives thanks to God for his mighty acts and the choir sings

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*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.*

The priest continues Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The deacon says Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one

cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *We pray together in our preferred version or language.*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us 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.**

The Breaking of the 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.

The Giving of Communion *The congregation are invited to receive communion.*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The priest and people receive communion. We welcome communicant members of all Christian denominations to receive communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please carry this booklet with you. Gluten-free hosts are available, please indicate this to the president, green cards are available from the sidespeople for this purpose.

The Agnus Dei *Please sit. The choir sings*

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*O Lamb of God
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*O Lamb of God
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

Communion Anthem *Holy Spirit* (Truslove)

Communion Hymn (NEH 431) *We remain seated*

O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!

2. There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

3. 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.

4. Ready for all 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

Prayer After Communion *Please stand. The president prays*

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 Blessing of Light *The ministers go to the Easter Candle. The priest prays*

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.

Hymn (CH4 617 t. NEH271) *During the Hymn the congregations candles are lit.*

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
hidden now in mystery;
nature bursts with joyful promise,

2. Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
making Jesus seen and heard.
Every age of God's creation
grasps new meaning from the Word.

Show us, Holy Spirit, show us
your new work begun today;

ripe with what is yet to be.
In a wealth of rich invention,
still God's work of art unfolds;
barely have we seen, and faintly,
what God's great salvation holds.

3. Great and deep the Spirit's purpose:
all God's children brought to birth;
freed from hunger, fear and evil
every corner of the earth;
and a million, million voices
speak with joy the Saviour's name;
every face reflects his image,
never any two the same.

4. Great and deep the Spirit's purpose:
nothing shall be left to chance;
all that lives will be united
in the everlasting dance;
all fulfilled and all perfected,
each uniquely loved and known;
Christ in glory unimagined
Once for all receives his own.

Marnie Barrell (b. 1952)

The Commission, Blessing and Dismissal

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 Lancaster, 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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

The deacon says Glory to God, whose power, at work among us, can do infinitely more than all we can ask or conceive; to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Organ Voluntary *Postlude on 'Love Divine'* Hopkins

Please remain standing while the servers, choir and clergy depart.