

The Parish Church of
The Ascension
with
All Saints
Chelmsford



Pentecost Sunday

**Today, we remember the first coming of the Spirit on the people in Jerusalem.
We praise God for being always with us.
We ask God to fill us with His Spirit of love, courage, trust and hope.**

We stand and sing Come down, O love divine (129)



The minister introduces the service.

We are here together
**in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

We are all welcome here!

*Take a moment to greet each other:
you can offer the old Christian greeting
“The Lord be with you, (name). And also with you, (name)”
or say a simple “Welcome, (name)!”
Ask for each other’s names if you don’t know them.*



Today is a day in eternity.
The fruit of Your kingdom will last forever.
Your Spirit transforms the world.
We are grateful for this special Pentecost day.

**We welcome You, Spirit of God,
You who seek our company
and choose to make Yourself known to us.**

**We are grateful for Your many blessings,
including bringing us together
at this time,
in this place.**

*We prepare our hearts and minds to praise God.
We start by asking Him for forgiveness.*

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ have mercy,
Christ, have mercy.



You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.

We are reassured of God's mercy and his pardon:

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*We sit to listen to a Bible reading.
Today it is the story of the tower of Babel.*

Genesis 11.1-9

At the end the reader says

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

THIS IS
OUR
Story

We sing Spirit of the Living God (666)



**A presentation of the story
of the First Pentecost**

We confess our faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is names.**

**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.**

**THIS IS
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Story**

Prayers of Intercession

We pray for the church, for the world and for ourselves

Please sit or kneel



One of these responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy *or* Lord, hear us.
hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

One or more of the following may be said:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace
and rise in glory. Amen.

Let us ask Mary to pray for us.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now
and at the hour of our death.
Amen.**

At the end of the prayers we keep a short moment of silence to allow our hearts to speak our own prayers.



We stand to share the peace.

The Peace

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, and peace.
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Feel free to move around as you greet each other with a sign of peace, a handshake, a wave, a kiss, an embrace, a smile...



We will now prepare the altar to be able to share bread and wine.

During this time, we sing
Be still for the presence of the Lord (72)



Please remain standing

The minister takes the bread and thanks God for it:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

The minister takes the wine and thanks God for it:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please stand

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
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.



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.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 president invites us to join in the Lord's Prayer

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.**



The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) is sung

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**



Giving of Communion

The minister invites us to make our communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The president and people receive communion or a blessing.

At the distribution the minister says

The body of Christ.
The blood of Christ.

*The communicant replies each time **Amen** and then receives*



Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept, please sit or kneel as we pray:

The president says the Post Communion prayer, then we say together:

**Merciful God,
you have called us to your table
and have fed us with the bread of life.
Draw us and all people now to serve your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Sit for the notices



The Blessing and Sending out

Please stand

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit
be with you and guide you on your way at every change and turn;

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
throughout this week and always.

Amen.

Let us send each other out with this prayer:

**Go with confidence into the days ahead,
filled with God's Holy Spirit,
and trusting in God's unfailing love and faithfulness.
God will not abandon you,
for you are the work of His hands and
His love endures forever.**

So go now in joy to love and serve the Lord!

We sing
Lord, the Light of Your love is shining (388)



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