



**St George's Church**  
**31 May 2020**  
**Pentecost**

Intróit: *Come, thou Holy Spirit, come*  
Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Almighty God,**  
**to whom all hearts are open,**  
**all desires known,**  
**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**  
**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**  
**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**  
**that we may perfectly love you,**  
**and worthily magnify your holy name;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence / Absolution

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**  
**we have sinned against you**  
**and against our neighbour**  
**in thought and word and deed,**  
**through negligence, through weakness,**  
**through our own deliberate fault.**  
**We are truly sorry**

**and repent of all our sins.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**who died for us,**  
**forgive us all that is past**  
**and grant that we may serve you in newness**  
**of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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**

**First Reading: Acts 2. 1 - 21**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

<sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>"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. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 104.26-37**

O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*

**In wisdom you have made them all;**  
**the earth is full of your creatures.**

There is the sea, spread far and wide, \*

**and there move creatures beyond**  
**number, both small and great.**

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan \*

**which you have made to play in the deep.**

All of these look to you \*

**to give them their food in due season.**

When you give it them, they gather it; \*

**you open your hand and they are filled with good.**

When you hide your face they are troubled; \*

**when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.**

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, \*

**and you renew the face of the earth.**

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*

**may the Lord rejoice in his works;**

He looks on the earth and it trembles; \*

**he touches the mountains and they smoke.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*

**I will make music to my God while I have my being.**

So shall my song please him\*

**while I rejoice in the Lord.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**Alleluia.**

**Gospel: John 20. 19 – 23**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>It was evening on 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.'

<sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'<sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>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.**

**Sermon**

**Solo** *Be thou my vision* (Bob Chilcott)

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession *from around the world*

The Peace

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

**Solo:** *Breathe on me, Breath of God*

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 praises God and all respond:*

**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.**

*The president recalls the Last Supper.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*At the end of the prayer:*

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

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

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.**

**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.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

**Please come forward to receive the sacrament at  
the chancel step, keeping 1.5 m distance from  
others. At this time we are not sharing the cup.**

Prayer after Communion

**Father of all, we give you thanks and  
praise,**

**that when we were still far off you met  
us in your Son and brought us home.**

**Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace,**

**and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his  
risen life; we who drink his cup bring life  
to others; we whom the Spirit lights give  
light to the world. Keep us firm in the  
hope you have set before us, so we and  
all your children shall be free, and the  
whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

**Postlude:** *Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go*

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**Sunday Services:**

10.30 Eucharist St George's

18.00 Evening Prayer, Mitte (Marienkirche, S/U Alexanderplatz)

- **Please sit in the marked places.**
- **There will be a retiring collection at the door.**
- **Children's Church is currently only online.**
- **Please sign on the board in the lobby or send an email if you will come to one of our services next week:  
office@stgeorges.de**
- **Our Sunday morning services are broadcast on our  
Youtube channel (see www.stgeorges.de)**

**Organist Chris Cartner, Soloist Louise Watts**