

The Parish Church of
St Werburgh
Spondon

A vibrant, abstract artwork. The top half is dominated by swirling, energetic lines in shades of red, orange, and yellow, suggesting fire or the Holy Spirit. The bottom half shows a dense crowd of diverse people's faces, drawn with expressive, sketchy lines in various colors (blue, yellow, red).

Parish Mass
for
Pentecost

10am, 31st May 2020

WELCOME!

St Werburgh's stands in the catholic tradition of the Church of England. We are part of a Fellowship of Anglican communities gathering across Derwent, Chaddesden, Spondon and Willmorton. Here we try to practise the generous Gospel of Jesus Christ. Together we are exploring a way of living which is inspired by joyful, ordered worship and takes seriously the interior life. We embrace the challenges of peace-making both globally and locally. Welcome to this community of healing. Our celebrant today is Rev Cath.

Everybody is welcome here regardless of race, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, addictions or beliefs, single or partnered, we are all God's people.

The Pentecost Reading is read by Rev. Eleanor.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2.1-13)

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.'

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

The Service is introduced.

Let us pray:

Spirit of truth, guide us into all truth; consume the lies that shroud the world in hate; pray in us with sighs too deep for words and let the victim's voice ring out with hope for a new world; through Jesus Christ, who goes to the right hand of God. **Amen.**

The Good News according to John *(John 20: 19-21) read by Sonya*

Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you." Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

The Gospel of the Lord

A short talk is followed by a short period of silence.

Let us affirm together our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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

I believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God's Son Jesus Christ, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in God

Do you believe and trust in God's Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in God.

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith, we believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Tim leads our prayers this morning, as he does so please add your own prayers by messaging them on the screen.

We share the Peace of Christ.

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

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.

God of wind and flame, we praise your wild beauty flying free in the shining air. Your spirit nurtured life in outrageous diversity; she raised up judges to protect the weak, made kings dance in ecstasy, and prophets burn with holy anger.

Through the Spirit, the Word became flesh and the world was called to hear his voice. She drove him into the desert his first sure stop to victory over death and division.

When he left his followers she was poured out on all flesh and crossed the line between male and female, slave and free, Jew and gentile. She is with us now, bringing Christ anew, filling our worship, guiding us in hope. Therefore, with all God's rainbow people, and all who have tasted the Spirit of life with the thirsty and the cold, and all who long to dream again we worship your glory as heaven touches earth:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Power and God of might,
heav'n 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.**

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.' +

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.' As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. +

Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love. Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal.

We ask this 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, God of all blessing, for ever and ever.

Amen.

As our Saviour taught so we pray:

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 forever and ever. Amen.

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.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

As we are the Body of Christ so we receive the Body of Christ.

Rev. Cath then asks us all to make a commitment this Pentecost.

For fifty days through lockdown in our homes and online we have marked the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In time of trial 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 online yet together we explore this new way of being God's Church here in Derby, I call upon you wherever you are this day to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, in this time of uncertainty,
will you trust her to be your guide?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will continue to refrain from embracing in order to hold each other in love?

We will.

Will you be more ready to share your riches 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 be the light of Christ in this world's dark places?

We will.

Today online we have remembered the coming of God's power on the
disciples, let us now hold each other in the power of God's Holy Spirit:

God be with you.

And also with you.

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created,
breathe into you the life she gives. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came
among us, make you joyful in the service of God. **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 the Creating, Redeeming and Sustaining God be among
you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**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.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.**

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