

Sunday 24th May 2026
Day of Pentecost
Readings, Collect and Year's Mind

Opening Hymn NEH 342 Breathe on me, Breath of God

Collect for the Day of Pentecost

O God,
who on the day of Pentecost
enlightened the hearts of your people
by the fire of the Holy Spirit:
give us wisdom and understanding,
and lead us into all truth,
that your Church may be kept in the unity of the Spirit
and the bond of peace;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the same Spirit,
one God, world without end. **Amen**

First Lesson **Acts 2: 1-21**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2, verses 1 to 21.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt

and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ ¹³But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

- ¹⁷ “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.
¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall
be saved.”

Sun 9.00am Here endeth the Lesson.

Sun 10.45 This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading John 7: 37-39

A reading from the Gospel according to John, chapter 7, verses 37 to 39.

Sun 9.00am Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Sun 10.45 Glory to Christ our Saviour.

³⁷On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.” ’ ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Sun 9.00am Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for this thy glorious Gospel.

**Sun 10.45 Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.**

Sun 9am; Proper Preface for the Day of Pentecost (*Prayer Book p. 345*)

Through Jesus Christ our Lord;

who after that he had ascended up far above all the heavens,

and was set down at the right hand of thy Majesty,

did as at this time pour forth upon the universal Church

thy holy and life-giving Spirit:

that through his glorious power and joy of the everlasting Gospel

might go forth into all the world;

whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error

into the clear light and true knowledge of thee,

and of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Therefore with Angels....

We offer particular prayers for

Marian, Roddy, Bill, Scott, Sheila K, Ian and Jenny, Joan M., Betty, Catherine, Catriona D, Delia, Jane T., Emma A., Alison B., Joseph, Johnny, Alice; Countries suffering war, violence or natural disaster; the people of Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Iran, Ukraine and Sudan.

We also include in our prayers those in our **Year's Mind** this week:
Evelyn Martin, Stan Holtom, Zella Ashford, Doreen Stephen, Mary Miller,
Merelina Drummond, Jack Boase, Elizabeth McEntire, Jim McLaren.

Offertory Hymn NEH 138 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire

Anthem Come Down, O Love divine Harris

Post Communion Prayer for the Day of Pentecost

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

Closing Hymn NEH 431 O Thou who camest from above

Readings for the day

*Acts 2: 1-21; Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13; *John 7: 37-39

Choral Evensong, Sunday 24th May, 6.30pm

Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis: Stanford in Bb

Anthem: Come, Holy Ghost Attwood

Responses, Ayleward; Lord's Prayer, Farmer

Psalm 139 vv. 1 - 11

Readings: Ezekiel 36: 22-28; Acts 2: 22-38

NEH 466 Thou whose almighty word (*Moscow*)

NEH 245 God that madest Earth and Heaven (*Ar hyd y nos*)

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