

Welcome to  
The Church of St James the Greater  
Leicester



## WHIT SUNDAY - PENTECOST 2023 SUNG EUCHARIST

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***Incense will be used in this service.***

### The Gathering

#### WELCOME

*Stand* HYMN 242 (omit v. 4) Come, Holy Spirit, come!

#### ACCLAMATION:

*Priest* The love of God has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us:

*All* **we dwell in him and he in us.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:

*All* **make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty:

*All* **who was and is and is to come!**

*Priest* 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.

*Kneel or sit*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

*Choir* Kyrie eleison...      *Lord* have mercy...      *Willan*

ABSOLUTION: 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.**

*Please stand for the GLORIA.*      *Lecot*

COLLECT

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*Sit*    **READING:**      Acts 2. 1-21      read by *David Kibert*  
This is the word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand* **HYMN** 246      Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

**GOSPEL:** John 20. 19-23

*Choir* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia ...

*All*    **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia .** *Choir* verse.

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

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

*At the end:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit SERMON

Stand AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

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.**

Kneel or sit

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*This response may be used*

Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.**

*And at the end Merciful Father,*

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**



## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Stand THE PEACE:

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.

All **And also with you.**

HYMN 235

Be present, Spirit of the Lord

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER [E]

Priest The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right ... and angels praising you and singing

*Choir* Holy, holy, holy Lord...

*Willan*

*Kneel or sit*

... Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,**

**rising you restored our life:**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The prayer concludes and all respond* **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

*Priest* In the power of the Spirit, let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

*All* **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:

*Priest* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

*All* **Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

*All* **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

*Choir* Agnus Dei... O Lamb of God...

*Willan*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Choir ANTHEM I will sing with the spirit

Rutter

All COMMUNION HYMN 255 O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *and then*

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory. Amen**

## **Blessing of Light**

*The minister goes to the Easter Candle. The minister says:*

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.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

*Each member of the congregation has a candle which is lit.  
A hymn may be sung as the candles are lit.*

Stand HYMN 633 ii Filled with the Spirit's power

## Commission

*When all the candles are lit the president says*

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 Leicester, 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?

**All By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

**All We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

**All We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

**All We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

**All We will.**

*The Easter Candle is extinguished in silence.*

## Conclusion

*The president says*

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

*Please turn to face the door of the church in readiness to go out as witnesses.*

*The president blesses the people, saying*

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

**All Amen.**

May the Spirit,  
who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us,  
make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

**All 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.

**All Amen.**

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

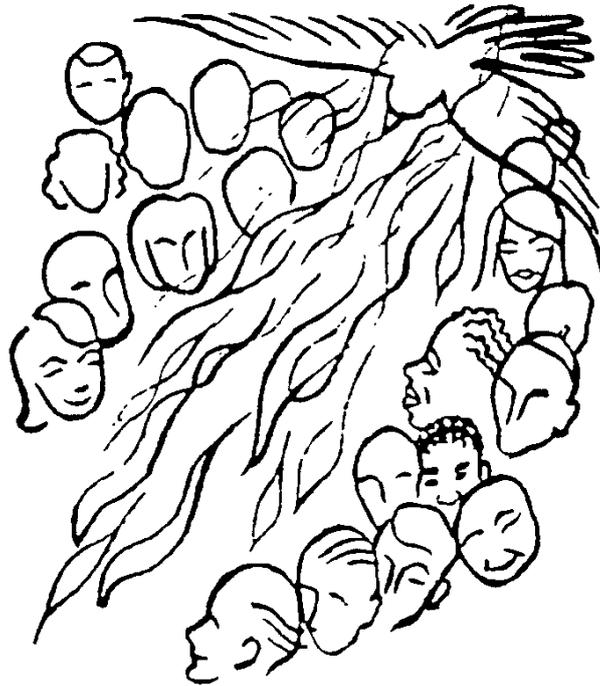
**All Amen.**

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

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – J.S. Bach Prelude in G (BWV 541)

**Everyone is invited to refreshments at the back of church.**



**“Go ye into all the world and  
preach the Gospel to every creature.”**

Words carved on the pulpit  
of St. James the Greater Church.