

# St Swithun's, Hither Green

## Parish Eucharist

# Pentecost



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# The Gathering

## The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Mother Juliet says some words of welcome.*

## Responsory

As we wait in silence,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we listen to your word,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we worship you in majesty,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your refreshing,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your renewing,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your equipping,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

## The Pentecost Reading

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.'

God is here.

**The Spirit is with us.**

## **Prayer for renewal and healing**

Oil for the renewal of God's people

Be with us, Spirit of God;

**nothing can separate us from your love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God;

**fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

**bring strength, healing, and peace.**

*Those who want to receive the oil of chrism – we will come to you to mark the sign of the cross in one of your hands – (sanitising between people)*

## **The Collect Prayer**

Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives to bring Christ to the world.

*Silence is kept.*

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **The Gospel Reading** *John 15.26-27*

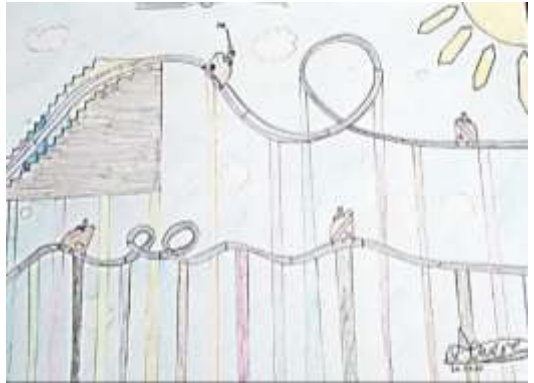
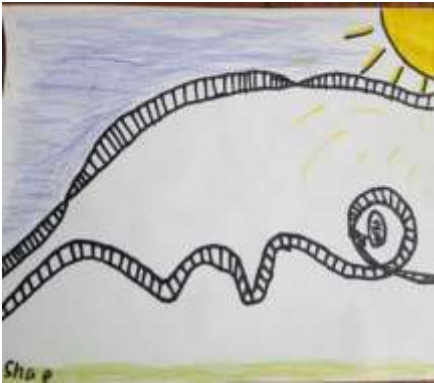
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon** *Izzy Warren*



## **Profession of Faith**

**We believe in God, Creator,  
Mother and Father of us all,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in Jesus, God's Son, Redeemer,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with love.**

**We believe in God, Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## Prayers

Let us pray: Life-giving Spirit, as you moved over creation, bringing life to the world and filled the disciples at Pentecost

**Come to us now, refresh and renew us**

*Stretch up and shake hands*

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Empowering Spirit, we remember today how you transformed the early Church; meet us as we are. Take our hesitant faith, take our fears and anxieties and fill our hearts with enthusiasm for the Gospel. Help us to reach out to those who need us – especially we pray for Lewisham Foodbank.

**Come to us now, fill us with peace**

*Start with hands outstretched then bring your hands together*

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Reconciling Spirit, guide those in our world who lead us, particularly in the Middle East we pray for justice, peace and reconciliation. Help all of us to actively bring faith, hope and love into our lives, our homes, our community, our world.

**Come to us now, with wisdom and understanding**

*Put your hands on your head and then up in the air*

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Healing Spirit, we pray for those who are sick – in a moment of quiet we remember all those who need our prayers...

**Come to us now, with compassion and care**

*Cross arms to make a hugging gesture*

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Eternal Spirit, giver of life and life eternal, we remember our loved ones departed, and today especially Conrad and Susanna.

**Come to us now, bring life and hope**

*Lift up hands in prayer*

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*Lift up hands in prayer*

Merciful God

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

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **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

**And also with you.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you  
made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

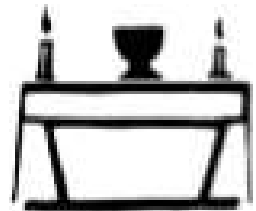
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them  
saying: *Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.*

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks,  
and said: *Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins:  
do this in remembrance of me.*

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**



As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

## **Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace**

## **Giving of Communion**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Alleluia! Let us celebrate the feast!**

*Silence is kept.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

**Father and mother of us all**

**Thank you for teaching us with your word.**

**Thank you for feeding us with bread and wine.**

**Thank you for the many gifts we have been given.**

**May we share what we have been given with others. Amen.**

### **Notices:**

- Lewisham Foodbank have had losses to their stock through storm damage – please consider donating to them.
- Congratulations to Marie-Jane and Geoffrey on their wedding anniversary
- Happy Birthday to all those who have a birthday.

## **Dismissal and Blessing**

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 our lives and our world.

### **The Blessing**

May the boldness of the Spirit transform you,

may the gentleness of the Spirit lead you,

may the gifts of the Spirit equip you

to serve and worship God;

and may God the Trinity, Creator, Friend and Spirit

bless you, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

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

Alleluia, alleluia.

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