

# Choral Festal Eucharist For Pentecost



Truro  
Cathedral

Welcome to Truro Cathedral for this celebration of *Pentecost*, The feast upon which the disciples were transformed and empowered by the Holy Spirit to become the bearers of good news throughout the world. Without this day, and the work of those disciples, we may not have known the message of love and hope beyond the grave offered by Jesus Christ, or experience the transforming power of the Holy Spirit for ourselves. *Pentecost* is also known by its English traditional name of *Whitsunday* or *Whitsun*. This feast was originally a Jewish harvest festival, taking place fifty days after Passover (hence the *Pente* in the name). In the Jewish tradition it was also called the *Feast of Weeks*. (It is now often called *Shavuot*) and was a harvest festival.

There are many reasons to celebrate today. Jesus promised us another Advocate, the Comforter, the Holy Spirit before he ascended into heaven. The creed affirms that “We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lifegiver”. Without the breath of the Holy Spirit within us, we would be like dead bones. God’s Holy Spirit offers us more than simply breath and physical life: The Holy Spirit grows fruit within us; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, self-control and goodness; God’s Holy Spirit brings us healing and helps us pray and communicate better with God and with each other.

At this service there will be an opportunity for anointing with Chrism oil (the consecrating oil used at confirmations, ordinations and even coronations). Chrism contains perfume of Myrrh, Cassia, Cinnamon and Calamus. The recipe for this is given in the bible. A simple prayer for renewal will be used. Please take the opportunity to be anointed, even if you do not normally receive Holy communion. Pause for a moment and experience the love and power of God’s Holy Spirit.

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy communion at this service. Please come for a blessing if you do not wish to receive for any reason. Intinction, (the dipping of the wafer) is not permitted for hygiene reasons.

Please join in the prayers marked in **bold type**.

Please feel free to sit or kneel at any point in the service.

## The Gathering

*Please remain seated as the choir sings the Introit after which all stand for the processional hymn.*

## Processional hymn

## 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.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*The Deacon says:*

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.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:

fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:

fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:

fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The president says*

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The choir sings the Gloria*

Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnam gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus,  
Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite,  
Jesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris,  
qui tollis  
peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Qui tollis  
peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem  
nostram.  
Qui sedes  
ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Jesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu:  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen

Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace,  
good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless  
thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee  
for thy great glory,  
O Lord God,  
heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son  
Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
that takest away  
the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away  
the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right  
hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high  
in the glory of God the Father.

## The Collect

Let us pray,

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm or Canticle

*The words of any congregational response can be found on the weekly service sheet*

### Second Reading

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*All stand and turn to face the Book of the Gospels as it passes them in the procession.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*The deacon says*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end the deacon says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

*The preacher says an opening invocation or prayer, and then all sit.*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

**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

*The intercessor introduces the intercessions.*

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

*Please sit or kneel. These responses may be used*

Lord, come to bless us

or

Lord, hear us.

**And fill us with your Spirit  
us.**

**Lord, graciously hear**

*At the end of the prayers the intercessor says*

In your mercy fill us with your Spirit,

**hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

*Please stand*

**The Liturgy of the Sacrament  
The Peace**

*The president introduces The Peace*

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.

If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

*The deacon says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace



## Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The Offertory Hymn is sung during which the altar is prepared and a financial collection is taken for the mission and ministry of the cathedral.*

### Offertory Hymn

#### Waiting upon the Spirit

As we wait in silence,  
**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 empowering,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

*Silence is kept*

### 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.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.  
This day we give you thanks  
because in fulfilment of your promise  
you pour out your Spirit upon us,

filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,  
and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.

Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,  
to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.  
Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,  
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,  
to proclaim the glory of your name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

*The choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra  
gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full  
of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee,  
O Lord most high.

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis

Blessed is he that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Please remain standing as the president continues*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.  
Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

*The deacon says*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise.

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

*Please remain standing*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
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**

*The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*The president says the following*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*After you have received the sacrament there will be ministers with oil of Chrism oil (with perfume symbolising the sweet fragrance of the Holy Spirit) standing in the aisles. Please use this opportunity to receive anointing with oil and a short prayer of blessing and renewal.*

*Please follow the direction of the Lay Assistants during the distribution of communion*

*At the distribution the following is said*

The Body of Christ.  
The blood of Christ

*The communicant replies each time **Amen**, and then receives*

*The choir sings the Agnus Dei.*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis  
peccata mundi:  
miserere nobis.

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the  
world,  
have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis  
peccata mundi:  
miserere nobis.

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the  
world,  
have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis  
peccata mundi:  
dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the  
world,  
grant us thy peace.

## **After Communion**

*Please stand*

Let us pray:

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.**

**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.**

**Final Hymn**

## The Dismissal

*The president says*

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

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

*The deacon says*

Filled with the Spirit's power,  
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

All are invited to join in the singing of the *Salve Regina*

**Salve, Regina,  
Mater misericordiae,  
vita, dulcedo,  
et spes nostra, salve.  
ad te clamamus  
exsules filii Evae,  
ad te suspiramus,  
gementes et flentes  
in hac lacrimarum valle.  
Eia, ergo, advocata nostra,  
illos tuos misericordes oculos  
ad nos converte;  
et Iesum, benedictum fructum  
ventris tui,  
nobis post hoc exsilium  
ostende.  
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis  
Virgo Maria.**

Greetings, our Queen.  
Mother of mercy,  
our life, our sweetness,  
and our hope.  
To thee do we cry,  
exiled children of Eve.  
To thee do we sigh  
Mourning and weeping  
in this Valley of Tears.  
Quickly turn (gracious advocate)  
thine eyes of mercy towards us  
And after this, our exile,  
Show us Jesus,  
the blessed fruit of thy womb.  
O merciful,  
O loving,  
O sweet Virgin Mary.

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