



The Parish Churches of S Philip  
and S Augustine and S Matthew  
with S Mary the Virgin Newcastle

Liturgy of the  
Word and  
Spiritual  
Communion  
for  
Pentecost

## Notes

This service is intended for use on Sundays and some feast days. It is a version of the Liturgy of the Word, which turns on the Our Father into an act of spiritual communion, undertaken in the words of the *Anima Christi*.

The bulk of the service inheres in the readings and the intercessions. These will be sent out each week.

The Te Deum is included at the end, since it is said at the end of the Office on Sundays outside Lent and Advent. I have used the Tudor version, since the words have a greater umph.

+ In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and on those in the tomb bestowing life. Alleluia.

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*We spend a few moments contemplating these questions, which would have been put to us today, had we been in church:*

Will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread and in the prayers?

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and turn to the Lord?

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Will you seek to serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak and seeking peace and justice?

*The response we make in our hearts:*

With the help of God, I will.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
And lighten with celestial fire;  
Thou the anointing Spirit art,  
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessed unction from above  
Is comfort, life and fire of love;  
Enable with perpetual light  
The dullness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
With the abundance of Thy grace:  
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
Where Thou art Guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And Thee, of Both, to be but One;  
That through the ages all along  
This may be our endless song,

Praise to Thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

May God, Who has received us by Baptism into His Church,  
continue to pour upon us the riches of His Grace, that within the  
company of Christ's pilgrim people, we may daily be renewed  
by His anointing Spirit; and come to the inheritance of His saints  
in glory. Amen.

Glory be to God on high.  
And in earth peace, goodwill 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, Jesus 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. Amen.

Let us pray:

God of majesty and glory, You bring us to the day that crowns our joyful Easter feast. Open for us the fountain of living waters promised to the faithful, that the outpouring of the Spirit may reveal Christ's glory and enlighten all who wait in hope for the glorious day of redemption. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and the life, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of the Acts.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Par'thians and Medes and E'lamites and residents of Mesopota'mia, Judea and Cappado'cia, Pontus and Asia, Phryg'ia and Pamphyl'ia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyre'ne, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

Bless the Lord, O my soul. ♦ O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦ In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

When you hide your face they are troubled; ♦ when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ♦ and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦ may the Lord rejoice in his works;

So shall my song please him ♦ while I rejoice in the Lord.

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint John.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

*The **Intercessions** follow; these will include petitions from the weekly cycle; and may include the Covid 19 prayer in the notes; at the end:*

These and the prayers of my Christian community I lay before God in union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine and all the saints:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed by 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.

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

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

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

*In place of receiving Holy Communion, you should use the prayer over the page:*

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;  
Body of Christ, save me;  
Blood of Christ, refresh me;  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesu, hear me.  
Within Thy wounds, hide me.  
Do not permit me to be separated from Thee;  
From the malicious enemy defend me,  
In the hour of my death call me  
And bid me come to Thee,  
That with Thy saints I may praise Thee;  
For ever and ever. Amen.

*It is appropriate that a time of reflexion follows. If, like the Vicar, you have a mind that easily lured by the frivolous and ephemeral, you might use the following to help stay on task:*

Come, Thou holy Paraclete,  
And from Thy celestial seat  
Send Thy light and brilliancy:  
Father of the poor, draw near;  
Giver of all gifts, be here;  
Come, the soul's true radiancy.

Come, of comforters the best,  
Of the soul the sweetest guest,  
Come in toil refreshingly:  
Thou in labour rest most sweet,  
Thou art shadow from the heat,  
Comfort in adversity.

O Thou Light, most pure and blest,  
Shine within the inmost breast  
Of Thy faithful company.  
Where Thou art not, man hath nought;  
Every holy deed and thought  
Comes from Thy divinity.

What is soilèd, make Thou pure;  
What is wounded, work its cure;  
What is parchèd, fructify;  
What is rigid, gently bend;  
What is frozen, warmly tend;  
Strengthen what goes erringly.

Fill Thy faithful, who confide  
In Thy power to guard and guide,  
With Thy sevenfold mystery.  
Here Thy grace and virtue send:  
Grant salvation to the end,  
And in Heav'n felicity.

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Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death;  
and on those in the tomb bestowing life. Alleluia.

Faithful God, Who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending to us Your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by that same Spirit, that every tongue may tell of Your glory; in and through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud : the heavens, and all the powers  
therein.

To thee Cherubin and Seraphin : continually do cry,  
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge  
thee;

The Father : of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true : and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not  
abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst  
open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the  
Father.

We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom thou hast  
redeemed with thy precious blood.

*(continued over the page)*

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.

Govern them : and lift them up for ever.

Day by day : we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

+ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore.  
Amen.