



# **A Service of Unity and Prayer at Pentecost for Churches Together in Oakham and District**

**Sunday 9 June 2019 – 6pm  
All Saints Oakham**

As you have sent me into the world,  
so I have sent them into the world.

*John 17.18*

# Welcome to our United Service

Between Ascension Day and Pentecost many churches have been joining in the global wave of prayer called ***Thy Kingdom Come***.

This evening we gather to renew our commitment to Christian unity, prayer and mission. As our season of mission – ***A New Day Dawns*** – approaches, let us use this opportunity to open our hearts to the Lord who sends us in his strength, and to one another as partners in the gospel.

Each church will contribute to the service, leading us in their own style.

Please stay for refreshments afterwards.

# ¶ Coming Together

## Opening Hymn



1. Holy Spirit, gift bestower,  
breathe into our hearts today.  
Flowing water, dove that hovers,  
Holy Spirit, guide our way.  
Love inspirer, joy releaser,  
Spirit, take our fears away.  
Reconciler, peace restorer,  
move among us while we pray.

2. Holy Spirit, Christ proclaimer,  
wisdom bringer, light our way.  
Fire that dances, wind that whispers,  
Holy Spirit, come today.  
Ease disturber, comfort bearer,  
move among us while we pray.  
Truth revealer, faith confirmer,  
rest within our hearts today.

*Words: Author unknown Music: Lux Eoi, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900) – A&M 194 (Ancient & Modern – 247)*

## Introduction

*Led by a member of All Saints Church*

Jesus Christ, whom we worship,  
is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord  
and we have walked with him through his journey of love.  
We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross.  
We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death.  
We have enjoyed his risen presence with us  
and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread.  
We have seen his return to the throne  
before which every knee shall bow  
and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord.

And now, with the followers of his own time,  
we celebrate the coming of the promised Holy Spirit,  
his gift to his people,  
through whom we make Christ known to the world.  
What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore in penitence let us open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

For the times when we think that we can do it all ourselves, our way  
Lord, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy**

For the thoughts which we allow to create distances and walls  
between one another

Christ, have mercy

**Christ, have mercy**

For the actions we take thoughtlessly or deliberately,  
which hurt and diminish other people and their dignity, their lives, their beliefs  
Lord, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy**

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**

## **Collect Prayer**

*Led by Revd Stephen Griffiths, Team Rector of the Oakham Team Ministry*

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.

## **Pentecost Reading – Acts 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.

# ¶ Chaplet of The Holy Spirit

Led by the clergy and people of St Joseph's Catholic Church

In the name of the Father, + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Hymn



1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come  
from thy bright heavn'ly throne,  
come take possession of our souls,  
and make them all thine own.
2. Thou who art called the Paraclete,  
best gift of God above,  
the living spring, the living fire,  
sweet unction and true love.
3. Thou who art sev'nfold in thy grace,  
finger of God's right hand;  
his promise, teaching little ones  
to speak and understand.
4. O guide our minds with thy blest light,  
with love our hearts inflame;  
and with thy strength which ne'er decays,  
confirm our mortal frame.
5. Far from us drive our deadly foe;  
true peace unto us bring;  
and through all perils lead us safe  
beneath thy sacred wing.
6. Through thee may we the Father know,  
through thee th'eternal Son,  
and thee the Spirit of them both,  
thrice-blessèd Three in One.
7. All glory to the Father be,  
with his co-equal Son:  
the same to thee great Paraclete,  
while endless ages run.

Words: Veni, Creator Spiritus, ascribed to Rabanus Maurus (776-856) trans unknown

Music: Thomas Tallis (c1505-1585)

(Liturgical Hymns Old & New – 210)

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

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created  
**And you will renew the face of the earth.**

Let us pray

Lord,

by the light of the Holy Spirit  
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.

In the same Spirit

help us to relish what is right

and always rejoice in your consolation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **First Mystery** – *Jesus is conceived by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary*

#### *Meditation*

The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow you. Therefore also the Holy One which shall be born of you will be called the Son of God.

*Luke 1.35*

#### *Application*

Pray earnestly for the assistance of the Spirit of God  
and the intercession of Mary

to imitate the virtues of Jesus Christ

who is the pattern of every virtue,

in order that you may be conformed to the image of the Son of God.

**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.**

**Amen.**

## **Second Mystery – The Spirit of the Lord rests upon Jesus**

### *Meditation*

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. *Matthew 3.16*

### *Application*

Hold in highest esteem the precious gift of sanctifying grace which was infused into your heart in Baptism by the Holy Spirit. Keep the promises to whose observance you then bound yourself. By continual exercise increase your faith, your hope and your charity. Ever live as becomes a child of God and a member of the true Church of God, so that after this life you may receive heaven as your inheritance.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus,  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

## **Third Mystery – Jesus is led by the Spirit into the desert**

### *Meditation*

Filled with the holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. *Luke 4.1,2*

### *Application*

Be ever thankful for the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit given to you in Confirmation, for the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and fortitude, of knowledge and piety, and of the fear of the Lord. Faithfully obey your Divine Guide, so that you may act courageously in all the perils of this life and in all temptations, as becomes a perfect Christian and a strong athlete of Jesus Christ.

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## **Fourth Mystery – The Holy Spirit in the Church**

### *Meditation*

And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim, of the mighty acts of God. Acts 2.2- 4, 11c

### *Application*

Give thanks to God  
that He has made you a child of His Church  
which is always enlivened and governed by his Divine Spirit,  
who was sent into the world on the day of Pentecost.  
Hear and follow the successors of the Apostles  
and the Church which is the pillar and ground of truth,  
guided infallibly by the Holy Spirit.  
Hold fast her doctrines, maintain her cause, defend her rights.

**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.  
Amen.**

## **Fifth Mystery – The Holy Spirit in the souls of the righteous**

### *Meditation*

Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who lives in you?  
1 Corinthians 6.19  
Do not extinguish the Spirit 1 Thessalonians 5.19

### *Application*

Be ever mindful of the Holy Spirit who is in you,  
and make every effort to be pure in mind and body.  
Faithfully obey His Divine inspirations,  
that you may bring forth the fruits of the Spirit:  
which are charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,  
long-suffering, meekness, faith, moderation, continence and chastity.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus,  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen**

## **Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by  
the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again  
from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## Hymn



1. All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord.  
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?  
Forever he will be the Lamb upon the throne;  
I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.
2. I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord,  
who once was slain to reconcile the world to God.  
Forever you will be the Lamb upon the throne.  
I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone.

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## Gospel Reading – John 17.1-3, 17-23

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come, glorify your Son, that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

## Sermon

*Revd Iain Osborne, Curate of the Oakham Team Ministry*

## Prayer In Action

### Prayers for those leading A New Day Dawns

*Led by members of Oakham Baptist Church*

*During this time you are invited to come forward and pray with and for the leaders of the Mission to Oakham A New Day Dawns.*

*Those who wish may also come forward to have their hands anointed with Oil of Chrism, for strengthening and service in the months ahead – ‘a sign of God’s acceptance and adoption, equipping and empowering... to be witnesses of God’s astonishing love’.*

*Quiet music will be played and towards the end of the prayer and anointing we sing*

### Hymn



Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
break me, melt me, mould me, fill me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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## Prayers for our Community and Church

*Led by members of Oakham Methodist Church*



1. Community of Christ,  
who make the cross your own,  
Live out your creed and risk your life  
for God alone:  
The God who wears your face,  
to whom all worlds belong,  
Whose children are of every race,  
and every song.

2. Community of Christ,  
look past the church's door  
And see the refugee, the hungry  
and the poor.  
Take hands with the oppressed,  
the jobless in your street,  
Take towel and water, that you wash  
your neighbour's feet.

*Readers will lead prayers for different needs. Each prayer will be followed by a time of silence and this response.*

God who wears our face  
**Hear our prayer.**

3. When menace melts away,  
so shall God's will be done,  
The climate of the world be peace  
and Christ its Sun;  
Our currency be love,  
and kindness our law,  
Our food and faith be shared as one,  
for evermore.

*Words: Shirley Erena Murray (b 1931)*

*Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody notated by Thomas Olivers (1725-1799) (Singing the Faith – 681)*

## Sharing The Peace of Christ

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.

*cf 2 Corinthians 1.22*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

*We share together a sign of Christ's peace*

## ¶ *Going Out*

*The ministers go to the Easter Candle.*

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.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Each member of the congregation has a candle which is lit.

As the candles are lit we sing

## Hymn



1. Beauty for brokenness,  
hope for despair,  
Lord, in your suffering world  
this is our prayer.  
Bread for the children,  
justice, joy, peace,  
sunrise to sunset  
your kingdom increase!

2. Shelter for fragile lives,  
cures for their ills,  
work for the craftsmen,  
trade for their skills.  
Land for the dispossessed,  
rights for the weak,  
voices to plead the cause  
of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor,  
friend of the weak,  
give us compassion, we pray,  
melt our cold hearts,  
let tears fall like rain.  
Come, change our love from a spark  
to a flame.*

3. Refuge from cruel wars,  
havens from fear,  
cities for sanctuary,  
freedoms to share.  
Peace to the killing fields,  
scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness,  
his cross for the pain.

4. Rest for the ravaged earth,  
oceans and streams,  
plundered and poisoned,  
our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness,  
carelessness, greed;  
make us content with  
the things that we need.  
*God of the poor ...*

5. Lighten our darkness,  
breathe on this flame,  
until your justice  
burns brightly again;  
until the nations  
learn of your ways,  
seek your salvation  
and bring you their praise.  
*God of the poor ...*

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## 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 Oakham, 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?

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

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

**We will.**

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

**We will.**

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

**We will.**

Will you lead and share in this mission, to take the Good News throughout Oakham and the villages

**We will.**

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

**We will.**

## Conclusion

The Lord is here.

**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.

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.**

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

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

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