

## Newport Minster PENTECOST

Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit which descended on the Apostles and other disciples following the Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter (the name comes from the Greek *pentekoste*, meaning 50<sup>th</sup>.)

It is regarded as the birthday of the Christian Church.

We pray for the Holy Spirit to be with us today in our worship.

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### Hymn: Come down O Love Divine

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 forever.  
Amen

*Take a few minutes' reflection to think of the times when we have separated ourselves from God.*

Lord my God,  
I am sorry for the times I have failed to live your love in the world,  
but offer thanks for your forgiveness and acceptance.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*A reading from Acts 2: 1-21  
(Compulsory for today)*

### The Coming of the Holy Spirit

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."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine

o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

*A time of intercession concluding with:*

**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.**

### ***An Act of Spiritual Reception***

In union, dear Lord Jesus, with the faithful at every altar of your Holy Church where the blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe you are present with us, and since I cannot at this time receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart, I unite myself to you with the love of all my heart and in the depths of my soul. Let me never be separated from you, that in all things I may live to your glory and into the eternity of your love, and may the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

Blessed, praised and adored be Jesus Christ on his throne of glory, and in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

### **The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you**

*Let us offer one another Gods peace by a hand wave on camera*

**Hymn:** All over the World (the Spirit is moving)

### **The Blessing**