

# St Andrew's, Chesterton

## All-Age Communion

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Pentecost

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### We are welcomed

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The service is introduced*

### We sing

*To the tune of Crown him with many Crowns.*

- 1 Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Inflame our souls with love,  
transforming every heart and home  
with wisdom from above.  
O let us not despise  
the humble path Christ trod,  
but choose, to shame the worldly-wise,  
the foolishness of God.
- 2 Come with the gift to heal  
the wounds of guilt and fear,  
and to oppression's face reveal  
the kingdom drawing near.  
Where chaos longs to reign,  
descend, O holy Dove,  
and free us all to work again  
the miracles of love.
- 3 Spirit of truth, arise;  
inspire the prophet's voice:  
expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,  
and bid the poor rejoice.  
O Spirit, clear our sight,  
all prejudice remove,  
and help us to discern the right,  
and covet only love.
- 4 Come, Holy Spirit, dance  
within our hearts today,  
our earthbound spirits to entrance,  
our mortal fears allay.  
And teach us to desire,  
all other things above,  
that self-consuming holy fire,  
the perfect gift of love!

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### We say sorry

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.**

### We hear God's forgiveness proclaimed

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 Collect

**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.**

### We hear our first Bible Reading

*Acts 2.1-13*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“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.  
<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.  
<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall  
be saved.”

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**We sing:**

1. All together in one place  
Friends of Jesus met to pray  
Waiting as the Lord had said  
For the Pentecostal day.
2. All together with one power  
Poured out  
when the Spirit came  
Touching each and filling all  
Rushing wind and burning flame.
3. All together with one voice  
Praising God in every tongue  
Languages they never learned  
Telling what the Lord had done.
4. All together with one aim  
Bearing witness to their Lord  
Sharing faith by word and deed  
Preaching Christ the living Word.
5. All together still today  
Though  
two thousand years have gone  
Still the Spirit’s power is given  
Still God’s people meet as one.
6. One in mission one in faith  
Still responding to God’s call  
One in telling all the world  
Jesus Christ is Lord of all.

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## We hear our Gospel Reading

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

[Jesus said:] “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. <sup>27</sup>You also are to  
testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning,  
because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who  
sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?”  
<sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has  
filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to  
your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the  
Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him  
to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world  
wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: <sup>9</sup>about  
sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about  
righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you  
will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgement, because the ruler  
of this world has been condemned. <sup>12</sup>I still have many

things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

<sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all  
the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak  
whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things  
that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take  
what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has  
is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine  
and declare it to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## We explore God’s Word to us

### We sing what we believe

1. We believe in God the Father,  
God almighty, by whose plan  
earth and heaven sprang to being,  
all created things began.  
We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary  
upon whom the Spirit came.
2. Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.  
We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven’s king to rule and reign,  
to the Father’s side ascended  
till as judge he comes again.
3. We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
saints of God in one communion,  
one in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows no end.

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## We pray for others and ourselves

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

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

## We share 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.**



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## We sing during our Offertory

- 1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here;  
come bow before him now  
with reverence and fear:  
in him no sin is found —  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.
- 2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned:  
how awesome is the sight —  
our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.
- 3 Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place:  
he comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him,  
in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.

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## 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 God of  
might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes**

**in the name, he who comes in the name of the**

**Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As God's children, and heirs with Christ

we cry in the Spirit, 'Abba', Father.

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and for 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.**

## We sing the Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

## Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The president and people receive communion. Visitors who are communicant members of their home churches are welcome to receive communion at St Andrew's. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, please signify this by bringing your order of service with you. There will be two communion stations – one at the Nave altar (for receiving the bread dipped in the wine), and one at the South Aisle altar (for receiving the bread and the wine separately), and for kneeling – if that is your preference.

## We sing during Communion

1. Veni, Sancte Spiritus,  
Veni, Sancte Spiritus,  
Veni, Sancte Spiritus.
  2. Come, Holy Spirit;  
Come, Heavenly Dove;  
Come, Source of Renewal;  
Come, pregnant with love.
  3. Speak, speak to our sadness,  
Christ's word of release;  
Plant seeds for our freedom,  
Clear pathways for peace.
  4. Find, find in our lostness,  
True signs of our worth,  
Raw proof of the saltness  
Sent, meant for the earth.
  5. Fire, fire in the darkness,  
New flame for the soul;  
Light lamps for our  
growing  
From broken to whole.
- 2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness:  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness:  
shine on me, shine on me.
  - 3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory:  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story:  
shine on me, shine on me.

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## We pray after Communion

**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.**

## Notices

### Blessing of Light from 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.**

*Streamers are distributed to those who want them.*

## We sing

- 1 Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness shining:  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us:

shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord,  
and let there be light!*

## Commission

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 Chesterton, 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 dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

**We will.**

## Blessing

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you and guide you on your way at every change and turn; and the blessing of God Almighty:  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain 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.**