

## The Penitential Rite

*The officiant says to the people,*

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God,  
let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins,  
that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence is kept. The officiant and people say together,*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.

*The Bishop says,*

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People Amen.*

## Morning Prayer

*Bishop Lesley:*

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

### Opening Hymn: Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dew fall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where his feet pass

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!

### **The Invitatory**

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: O come, let us worship.

*The following may be sung or said from Easter until Pentecost.*

*Christ our Passover (1 Corinthians 5.7–8; Romans 6.9–11; 1 Corinthians 15.20–22)*

Alleluia!

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, \*

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, \*

so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!

**Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: O come, let us worship.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

*1st Reading: Numbers 11:24-30*

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the

tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!” And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

*Psalms 104:25-35, 37*

O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*

**in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \*

**creatures both small and great.**

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*

**which you have made for the sport of it.**

All of them look to you \*

**to give them their food in due season.**

You give it to them; they gather it; \*

**you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**

You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*

**you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.**

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*

**and so you renew the face of the earth.**

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*

**may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**

He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*

**he touches the mountains and they smoke.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;\*

**I will praise my God while I have my being.**

May these words of mine please him; \*

**I will rejoice in the Lord.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul. \* **Hallelujah!**

**O God of eternal light, heaven and earth are the work of your hands, and all creation sings your praise and beauty. As in the beginning, by your Spirit, you gave life and order to all that is, so by the same Spirit redeem us and all things, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*2nd Reading: Acts 2:1-21*

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.’

**Gradual Hymn:** Holy Spirit, Come with Power

Holy Spirit, come with power, breathe into our aching night.  
We expect you this glad hour, waiting for your strength and light.

We are fearful, we are ailing, we are weak and selfish too.  
Break upon your congregation, give us vigour, life anew.

Holy Spirit, come with fire, burn us with your presence new.  
Let us as one mighty choir sing our hymn of praise to you.  
Burn away our wasted sadness and enflame us with your love.  
Burst upon your congregation, give us gladness from above.

Holy Spirit, bring your message, burn and breathe each word anew  
deep into our tired living till we strive your work to do.  
Teach us love and trusting kindness, lead our hands to those who hurt.  
Breathe upon your congregation and inspire us with your word.

*The congregation may stand or sit for the Gospel reading.*

**Gospel Reading:**

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*John 20:19-23*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 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 them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon: The Rt. Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame**

**Affirmation of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy  
Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
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 the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

*Leader:* Let us pray to God the Holy Spirit, saying, “Come, Holy Spirit, come!”

*Leader:* Come, Holy Spirit, creator, and renew the face of the earth.

*All:* **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

*Leader:* Come, Holy Spirit, counsellor, and touch our lips that we may proclaim your word.

*All:* **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

*Leader:* Come, Holy Spirit, breath of God, give life to the dry bones of this exiled age, and make us a living people, holy and free.

*All:* **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

*Leader:* Come, Holy Spirit, wisdom and truth; strengthen us in the risk of faith.

*All:* **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

### **The Collect**

**Almighty and everliving 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, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, the every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Leader:* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, in the language of our heart, we are bold to say,

*All* **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.**

**Blessing:** *Bishop*

**Closing Hymn:** Let The Flame Burn Brighter

We'll walk the land with hearts on fire  
And every step will be a prayer  
Hope is rising, new day dawning  
Sound of singing fills the air

Two thousand years and still the flame  
Is burning bright across the land  
Hearts are waiting, longing, aching  
For awakening once again

*(Chorus). Let the flame burn brighter  
In the heart of the darkness  
Turning night to glorious day  
Let the song grow louder  
As our love grows stronger  
Let it shine, let it shine*

We'll walk for truth, speak out for love  
In Jesus' name we shall be strong  
To lift the fallen, to save the children  
To fill the nation with your song

*Chorus*

*Chorus*

*Let it shine, let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine*

**Dismissal**

*Leader:* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia**