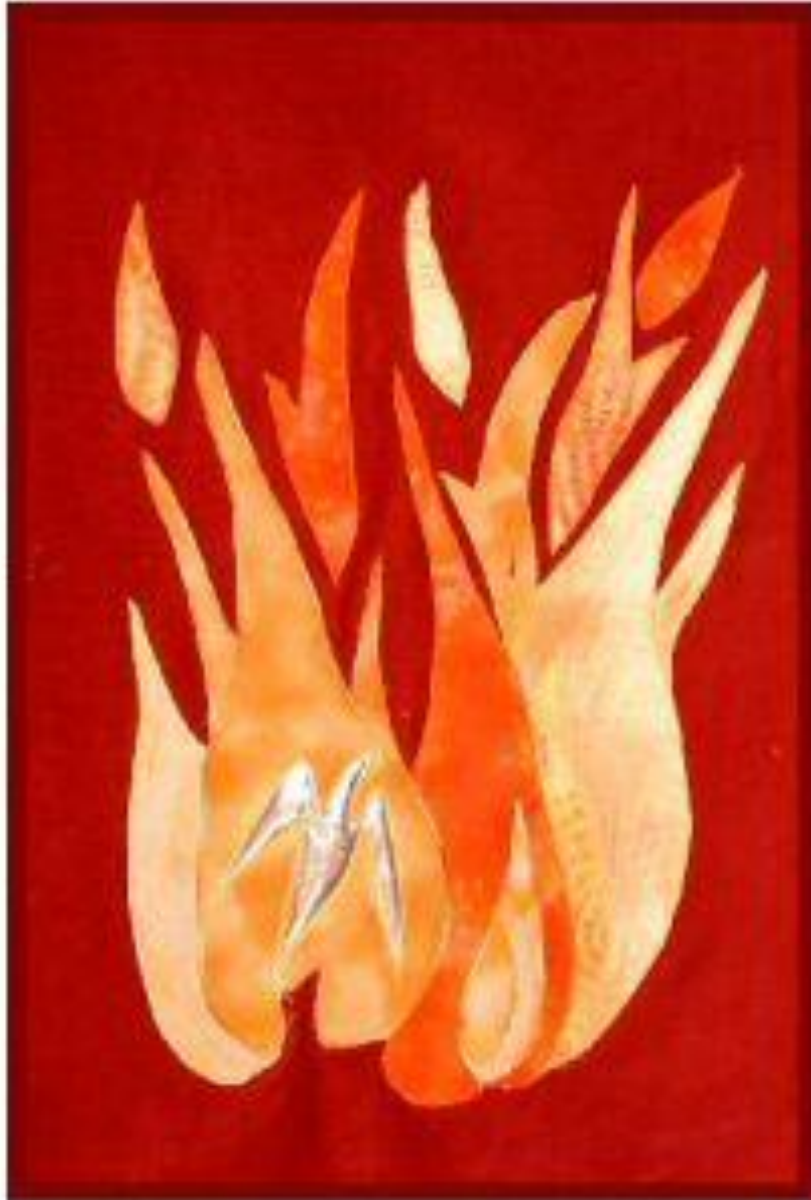


# Morning Prayer for Pentecost



at St Lawrence Church, Bovington

**A hymn or song may be sung**

## **Preparation**

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

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful people,  
and kindle in us the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Be with us, Spirit of God;  
**nothing can separate us from your love.**  
Breathe on us, breath of God;  
**fill us with your saving power.**  
Speak in us, wisdom of God;  
**bring strength, healing and peace.**  
**Amen**

## Prayers of Penitence

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world  
and knows our every word and deed.  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore to us the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse *you* from *your* sins,  
and restore *you* in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,  
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**and in our song will we praise our God.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
creator and redeemer of all;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world  
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.

And now we give you thanks  
because in fulfilment of your promise  
you pour your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,  
and uniting peoples of many tongues  
in the confession of one faith.  
You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts  
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

**A hymn or song may be sung**

## **The Word of God**

### **Readings**

*At the end of each reading the reader may say*  
This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**A hymn, psalm or song may be sung**

### **Gospel Reading**

*At the end of the reading the reader may say*  
This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The reading may be followed by a time of silence.*

## **A hymn or song may be sung**

*These acclamations may be made:*

God raised Christ from the dead

**and enthroned him at his right hand in the heavenly realms.**

God put all things in subjection beneath his feet

**and gave him as head over all things to the Church.**

We died, and our life lies hidden with Christ in God.

**We set our minds on things above.**

When Christ, who is our life, is revealed,

**we too will be revealed with him in glory.**

*cf Ephesians 1.20,23; Colossians 3.1-4*

## **The Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Prayers**

*Intercessions are offered.*

*The Collect is said.*

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

**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.**

**A hymn or song may be sung**

**Sermon**

**A hymn or song may be sung during which offerings may  
be received**

## The 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 Bovingdon, 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.**

## Conclusion

### The Blessing

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 ...

*Or:*

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**