

**St. John the Baptist, Old Malden**



# **Pentecost Sunday**

***Contemporary Communion Service***



## The Ministry of the Word

### Processional Hymn

#### The Gathering of the Community

In the name of the Father, †  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

This is the day which the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

In those days, says the Lord –  
In those days after Jesus rose from the dead,  
in those days when no one  
really knew what was going on or what was going to happen  
In those days God exhaled the Holy Spirit.  
And when the disciples pushed out their fear  
And as dancing flames heralded the arrival of something new  
And as the birth cry was the cries of many languages, all understood  
In those days, the church was born, out of fear and fire,  
With joy and awe. The church was born. Our church. God's church.

#### Invitation to Worship

A wind from God blew over the face of the waters,  
**And the voice of God spoke from a burning bush,**  
Jesus breathed peace on the disciples,  
**And the Spirit of God, like little flames,**  
**rested on all who gathered.**

So God's Spirit moves among us this day.  
**Let us worship God.**

As we come to God in prayer, let us open ourselves to the presence of the Spirit, to seek forgiveness for our sins and to bring to our souls the freshness of mercy and grace.

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

Holy God, Holy Breath, Wind, Flame, Spirit:  
**Set our hearts of fire.**

Burn off all that is dry and lifeless,  
**And grow us anew.**

Let your Spirit dance within our spirits,  
**Uprooting us when we have been unmoved.**

And refreshing all that is stale in our lives.  
**Breathe on us your peace.**

That we will share that peace with all we meet.  
**And hear the silent prayers of our hearts.**

### **The Absolution**

Through the Cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon † you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

### **The Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Collect**

Living God, eternal Holy Spirit,  
let your bright intoxicating energy  
which fired those first disciples  
fall on us to turn the world again. **Amen.**

### **New Testament Reading- Acts of the Apostles**

*At the end the reader may say:*  
For the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn**

### **Gospel Reading**

*Here follows the Gospel Acclamation,*  
Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel Reading concludes with:*  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*We say together in faith.*  
**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,  
who created all things:  
**for by his will they were created  
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:  
**for with his blood,  
he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:  
**the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'  
Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

### **The Peace**

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.  
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

## **The Ministry of the Sacrament**

### **Offertory Hymn**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer** (*Anglican Church of New Zealand*)

The Lord is here.  
**God's 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 offer thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation,  
holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.  
You are the source of all life and goodness;  
through your eternal Word  
you have created all things from the beginning  
and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.

You raised him to life triumphant over death;  
you exalted him in glory.

In him you have made us a holy people  
by sending upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
who came with signs from heaven  
to lead your Church into all truth.

In the power of the Spirit, and made ready with his gifts,  
we take the joy of the gospel into all the world.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him,  
with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
forever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, Holy Father;  
on the night before he died  
your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;  
when he had given you thanks,

he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
“Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;  
do this to remember me.”

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks,  
he gave it to them and said:  
“Drink this, all of you,  
for this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.”

Glory to you, Lord Christ;  
**your death we show forth;**  
**your resurrection we proclaim;**  
**your coming we await;**  
**Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

Therefore loving God,  
recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,  
his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate our redemption  
with this bread of life and this cup of salvation.  
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive  
may be to us the body and blood of Christ,  
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,  
may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,**  
**here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**



## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **The 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.**

## **The Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*The president says the invitation to Communion:*  
**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living,  
he declared your love,  
gave us grace  
and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body  
live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup  
bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights  
give light to the world. **Amen.**

## **Notices**

### **The Blessing**

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit  
be with you every step of the way,  
and be your guide as your road changes and turns  
and the blessing of God our Creator,  
Redeemer and Giver of life  
be with you always. **Amen.**

## **Final Hymn**

### **Dismissal**

We go into the world  
to walk in God's light,  
to rejoice in God's love  
and to reflect God's glory. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



