



2024 - 'Following Jesus with the Northern Saints'

Day of Pentecost - 19th May 2024

Please join us for our Online Broadcast at 9:30am on our Facebook Page

The Welcome & introduction

Please follow the service from the Eastertide booklet

First Hymn

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.

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.

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!

Collect

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 Jesus Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

¹ The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!'"

⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.

⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.”

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.

⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹ Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’”

¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.’”

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of Both, to be but One;
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song,

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

Gospel Reading

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Alleluia, Alleluia,

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

Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you O Lord.

²⁶ “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

⁴ I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵ but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things.

⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

¹² "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn during preparation of the Table

O Spirit of the living God,
in all the fullness of your grace,
wherever human feet have trod,
descend upon our fallen race.

Give tongues of fire and hearts of love
to preach the reconciling word;
anoint with power from heaven above
whenever gospel truth is heard.

Let darkness turn to radiant light,
confusion vanish from your path;
those who are weak inspire with might:
let mercy triumph over wrath!

Baptize the nations; far and near
the triumphs of the cross record;
till Christ in glory shall appear
and every race declare him Lord! Amen.

During Communion

Hymn -

Come down, O Love divine,

Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path
illumines.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner
clothing:
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps
with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human
telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his
dwelling.

*Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)
Tr. R. F. Littledale (1833 - 90)*

Final Hymn

O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
Thy ransomed creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

organ voluntary :

Scherzoso from Sonata No.8

By JG. Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Those Departed - Rest In Peace

John Metcalf



Parochial Church Council Meeting

Tuesday May 21st 7:30– 9:30pm
in St. Paul's Church Centenary Room

Brew Time

Every Wednesday from 8.50am-11am
in St Paul's Centenary Room.
Serving tea, coffee, toast, crumpets and cakes!

There's always a warm and friendly welcome.
Do join us we would love to see you.
Kath & Jacqui, Bev & John

Parish Prayer with Marina Walker

Weekly on Wednesdays during the school term in St. Paul's Church on the sofas 9:00—10:00am

Welcome Cafe

Meet weekly on Wednesdays during the school term in St. Paul's Church Centenary Room 3:00– 5:00pm



St Lawrence
with St Paul
Longridge

Next Sunday's Services - May 26th 2024 - Trinity Sunday

9:30am 'Service of Holy Communion' at St. Paul's Church/Live stream

11:15am 'Informal Service' at St. Paul's Church/Live stream

6:30pm 'Service of Evensong' at St. Lawrence's Church