

CAVERSHAM PARK  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Holy Communion Service order  
(Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024)  
Pentecost - Year B

**Pentecost service with Holy Communion  
at Caversham Park URC (Forth Order)**

**Opening Hymn: Spirit of The Living God**

*(On Screen)*

Let us worship God.

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

It is good to give thanks to the Lord;  
**for God's love endures for ever.**

Our service today looks at stories from the Bible that tell us about "Holy Spirit" a gift to us.

Let us pray - Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired - through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

***Prayer of Grace (for Pentecost)***

O Lord, you have made us - it is your breath that fills us.

**Help us, O God, to see and to believe.**

When enemies surround us and friends flee from our presence, help us remember that you are with us and that victory comes from your hands.

**Help us, O God to see and to believe.**

..... (silence) .....

O Lord, you have made us - and you have promised to be with us.

**When we mourn, comfort us. When we despair, grant us hope. When we are lost, guide us on our way.**

..... (silence) .....

O Lord, you have made us - and have called us to be with you.

**As you did with the house of Israel, so do for us. Pour out your Spirit once more upon us and give us new birth.**

We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, he who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Hymn 2 – I Feel the Winds of God**

Let us confess our sins to God and ask for forgiveness.

***On screen***

**Lord God most merciful, we confess that we have sinned, through our own fault, and in common with others, in thought, word and deed, and through what we have left undone.**

**We ask to be forgiven.**

**By the power of your Spirit, turn us from evil to good, help us to forgive others, and keep us in your ways of righteousness and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

In repentance and in faith receive the promise of grace and the assurance of pardon. Here are words you may trust, words that merit full acceptance: 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.' Your sins are forgiven for his sake. **Amen.**

***On screen***

**Gloria**

**Thanks be to God**

Lord, have mercy on us.

**Christ, have mercy on us.**

Lord, have mercy on us.

***And for Pentecost***

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make us new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church, to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen**

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**

**Reading 1** - Ezekiel 37:1-14

**Reading 2** – Acts 2:1-21

**Hymn 3** – Breathe on Me Breath of God

**Gospel** – John 7:37-39

**Sermon** – Rivers of Living Water

**Hymn 4** – Spirit of Gentleness

**Intercessions**

**Gracious words**

Hear the gracious words of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

*Matthew 11:28*

I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. *John 6:35*

Anyone who comes to me, I will never drive away. *John 5:37*

**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**Peace be with you.**

**Hymn 5 - Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost****The Narrative of the Institution of the Lord's Supper**

Hear the narrative of the institution of the Lord's Supper as it was recorded by the apostle Paul.

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

**The Taking of the Bread and wine**

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and following his example, we take this bread and this cup, and give thanks to God.

**The Thanksgiving (On Screen)**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

With joy we give you thanks and praise, Almighty God, Source of all life and love, that we live in your world, that you are always creating and sustaining it by your power, and that you have so made us that we can know and love you, trust and serve you. We give you thanks that you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him may not die but have eternal life.

We praise you that he is the light of the world through whom we are brought out of darkness into light, and that by him your glory has been revealed to the nations.

Therefore with all the company of heaven, and with all your people, of all places and times, we proclaim your greatness and sing your praise.

***(On Screen)***

**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.**

Holy Lord God, by what we do herein remembrance of Christ we celebrate his perfect sacrifice on the Cross and his glorious resurrection and ascension; we declare that he is Lord of all; and we prepare for his coming in his kingdom. We pray that through your Holy Spirit this bread may be for us the body of Christ and this wine the blood of Christ. Accept our sacrifice of praise; and as we eat and drink at his command unite us to Christ as one body in him, and give us strength to serve you in the world. And to you, one holy and eternal God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we give praise and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer *(On Screen)***

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed  
took bread and when he had given thanks,  
he broke it and said, 'This is my body which is for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way also the cup saying  
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.'

*If the narrative of the institution has been used earlier in the service, as the bread is broken the minister may say:*

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

*And as the cup is raised the minister may say:*

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

*Distribution of the Bread and Wine then follows with the following hymn:*

**Hymn 6 – Let Us Break Bread Together**

**The Acclamation** *(On Screen)*

Let us praise the Lord.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**Blessing and honour and glory**

**and power be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

*(On Screen)*

**Most gracious God, we praise you for what you have given and for what you have promised us here. You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service.**

**Now we give ourselves to you; and we ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and that our love may be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Notices**

**Offerings**

Lord God, you have opened your hands and poured many blessings upon us. You watch over us and protect and guide us in the way we should go. We now offer these gifts - that your name may be glorified in us and your work of salvation extended through us to all the world. Receive them and use them and us in your service - we ask it in Jesus's name. **Amen**

**Dismissal and Blessing:**

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we now go forth into the world, to fulfil our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.

Go in peace, love and care for one another in the name of Christ; And the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord makes his face shine upon and be gracious unto you. The Lord lifts up his countenance upon you and gives you his life, a life full of the Spirit of God, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

**Hymn 7 – I Feel The Winds Of God.**