

CAVERSHAM PARK CHURCH
LOCAL ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP

Holy Communion Service order
(Sunday 8th June 2025)
Pentecost - Year C

Holy Communion at Caversham Park (Forth Order)**Opening Hymn: Come Creator Spirit***(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.

As we gather in praise and worship, our focus this Pentecost Sunday is on the gifts that the Spirit Gives for the building up of the body of Christ. Pentecost is the third major feast day of the Christian Year (the others being Easter and Christmas) and is always reckoned as the "Birthday" of the Church. This is because it was on Pentecost that the Spirit was poured out upon all the believers - changing them from those who hid in the upper room out of fear of the authorities to people who boldly proclaimed the good news of Jesus Christ "starting in Jerusalem, and going to the ends of the world". The Spirit that was poured out, in accordance with the prophecy granted to the Prophet Joel, is the living presence of God with us and it is the Spirit that does those things to build up the body of Christ that we can't do on our own.

Hymn 2 - This Is The Day**Approach**

Let us pray:

God of wind and fire, embolden us this day to receive your power. Help us to proclaim the wondrous things that you have done and continue to do in our lives. Give us strength and courage to share the Good News of your love and your presence. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to God and ask for forgiveness

On screen

Lord God, you know us too well. You know that we would be like the disciples following the crucifixion and even the resurrection. We would rather hide and mutter and weep, than proclaim the power of your love. The world is a difficult place. We fear so much.

We want people to like us, and so we hold back on our proclamation of our faith. We don't want to offend anyone. But your love and presence are not offensive. They are empowering and healing. Bring your holy fire upon us this day to ignite a spark of joy in our hearts and our voices.

Bring the power of your rushing wind through our spirits that we may be turned in new directions for service and witness. We pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

God's awesome love is offered to you, even when you fear or are unsure of your faith. Know that God is with you. Be not afraid. Hallelujah! **Amen**

On screen**Thanks be to God**

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

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 – I Corinthians 12:1-13 (NIV2011)

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the day that marks the birth of the Church and the giving of the Holy Spirit to all who believe. One of the functions of the Holy Spirit in our lives, is to bring us together as a community of faith in praise and service to the one God, the maker of heaven and earth. The Spirit seeks to make us one. God speaks to us of this through the Apostle Paul.

Hymn 3 - The Church is Wherever God's People**Reading 2** – Acts 2:1-21 (NIV2011)

As I said earlier, before reading from Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, today is Pentecost Sunday. Many years ago, the Spirit of God came upon Jesus' Disciples in a powerful way. They discovered they were more than a following - they were a movement! The Church is the Church of Jesus when we move out from our gathering and share the Good News of God's Love to all people everywhere - down the street, in the neighbourhoods, throughout the country and world - everywhere! So, hear now from Holy Scripture the record of that first Pentecost Sunday - the Sunday on which the Church of Jesus Christ was truly born.

Sermon – A Celebration of God's Gift of The Spirit

Hymn 4 - Faith of Our Fathers**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*

Collection plate

O God, you are our creator and our redeemer, the ground of our being, the source of our hope, our peace, our joy and our love! We live to praise You; we trust Your judgement; in all that we do we seek to obey You. Receive our offerings; they are the gifts of Your Spirit. You have wrought the

wonders which accompany new life. Help us to not shrink from giving You glory, for we are called by Christ to be stewards of what You create. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Peace be with you.

Hymn 5 - When We Are Living

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.

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 (Communion Hymn)

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

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, be filled with the Spirit and remain Christ's forever, and may his redeeming and sustaining work come to full flower within you and give wholeness and healing to those around you both now and forever.

Amen

Hymn 7 - Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness