

Order of service Pentecost 2021 Cudham and Downe

Opening prayers: (after opening activity)

Lord,
help us to look out and listen for your Holy Spirit.
May we welcome you with open hearts and minds.
Call us, inspire us, surprise us and challenge us.
Give us confidence and calm assurance.
Lead us to your power and love. **Amen.**

Spirit of compassion, **we bring you our hearts.**
Spirit of discernment, **we bring you our choices.**
Spirit of wisdom, **we bring you our minds.**
Spirit of boldness, **we bring you our words.**
Spirit of fulfilment, **we bring you our longings.**
Spirit of abundance, **we bring you our resources.**
Spirit of creation, **we bring you our lives. Amen.**

(Cudham – prayer as children leave for Sunday Club)

Reflect on image of the Spirit:

Collect for the day – Pentecost:

**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.**



Prayer of Confession:

Forgive us, Creator God,
when we have not heard your voice in the song of the birds and the
rustle of leaves:

Open the ears of our hearts.

When we have not seen you in the grandeur of the mountains and the
rhythm of the waves:

Open the eyes of our hearts.

When we have not rejoiced at the vibrance of spring or the colours of
autumn:

Unlock the joy in our hearts.

When we have stifled your Spirit and confined your love:

Deepen the love in our hearts.

Forgive us, and release in us the true Spirit of Pentecost. Amen.

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Song: 192 Our God reigns!

Gospel:

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon:

Response after Sermon:

**Living God,
thank you for the energy of Pentecost,
for the promises fulfilled,
for the lives changed,
for the hearts touched,
for the power unleashed,
for the overflowing of your Spirit into our world.
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Creed:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in
God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Intercessions: ending with...

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 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.

(Cudham: Eucharistic Prayer)

The Lord is here.
His 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 give thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues...)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Closing prayer:

**Holy Spirit, stir us up
to see things we haven't seen before,
to hear things we haven't heard before,
and to feel things we haven't felt before. Amen.**

Song: 362 Shine, Jesus, Shine

Blessing:

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God!