

Pentecost Sunday – Order of Service

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Call to Worship

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

come, Holy Spirit.

With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

come, Holy Spirit.

With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

come, Holy Spirit.

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

come, Holy Spirit.

With power from above to make our weakness strong,

come, Holy Spirit.

As we wait in silence,

fill us with your Spirit.

As we listen to your word,

fill us with your Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty,

fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing,

fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your renewing,

fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your empowering,

fill us with your Spirit, nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God;

fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us wisdom of God;

bring strength, healing and peace.

Confession; We say Sorry

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed.

Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith

You raised the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord have mercy, **Lord Have mercy**
You bring pardon and peace to the broken heart
Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy**
You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**

Absolution; Declaration of God's Forgiveness

May almighty God have mercy on you,
Forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Cast your burden upon the Lord:
And he will sustain you.
Create in us clean hearts, O God:
And renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from your presence:
And take not your Holy Spirit from us.
Give us the joy of your saving help:
And sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.
Blessed be the Lord day by day:
The God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

The Collect

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.**

Readings from the Bible

After reading

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced

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

and at the end

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

Sermon

Archdeacon-Bob Cooper

The archdeacon introduces this part of the service with these or other suitable words (after sermon)

We give thanks for all that God has done and will do in the life of Holy Trinity.

We have come together in the presence of God to celebrate the formation of the Parish of Swalwell and to welcome Barry and his family into the parish as Vicar. It is also an opportunity to reaffirm the role that Brian holds within the newly formed Parish.

It is appropriate as restrictions are easing to affirm both Barry and Brian into their new ministries within the Parish, to pray for them both and for all the people who work, serve and worship at Holy Trinity. This is a joyful and important occasion with the establishing of the new Parish and the appointment of a new Vicar.

On this day of Pentecost as we expectantly wait and pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit we dedicate ourselves afresh to the service of God in this community and to the call which God makes of each one of us.

Turning to Barry and Brian:

Archdeacon asks: Will you serve God in this Parish, in the firm belief that the power of the Holy Spirit will guide and direct all who call upon Him?

Barry/Brian: I will, putting my trust in Him.

Archdeacon: *(taking each person in turn)*

Barry, I welcome you to the position of Vicar to the Parish of Swalwell, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Brian, I admit you to the position of Assistant Minister in the Parish of Swalwell, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Archdeacon addresses the congregation

Archdeacon: Members of the Church in Swalwell will you remember your ministers, Barry and Brian in your prayers and give them your support and encouragement?

Congregation: **We will.**

Archdeacon: I call on you now to pray that God will bless his servants and provide such gifts and powers as may be needed for the work ahead.

Let us pray:

Almighty Father, give your servants, Barry and Brian,
grace to fulfil their ministries in this parish
with humility and self-sacrifice,
and the spirit of gentleness and peace.
Give them faithfulness in proclaiming your word,
and wisdom, strength and tenderness in caring for your people.
As you have called them to your service in this community,
make them worthy of their calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Lord, we ask that you will bless your servants
with a sense of your presence,
and knowledge of your constant love.
As they fulfil their ministries in this parish,
strengthen and sustain Barry and Brian
that with patience and understanding
they may love and care for your people;
grant that under their leadership
the members of this Parish may follow Jesus Christ,
offering to you their gifts and talents,
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Almighty God, bless this parish,
as the members reaffirm their commitment
to follow Christ and to serve in his name.
Give them courage, patience and vision;
strengthen them in their Christian witness
to this community, and in service to others,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer of commitment (to be said by all present)

**Heavenly Father,
as members of this Church we commit its life to you.
We seek your blessing in all we do:
your presence in our fellowship
your inspiration in our activities;
your strength in our service to the Church
and to the community.
Help us to be faithful in prayer and worship
and outgoing in our witness to the gospel,
that we may advance your kingdom,
and glorify your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Father, we dedicate ourselves
to serve you faithfully and to follow Jesus,
to face the future with him,
seeking his special purpose for our lives.
Send us out to work and witness freely,
gratefully and full of hope,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
and for the honour and glory of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Creed:- What we believe

Do you believe in God the Father,
Who made all things?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
Who redeemed the world?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,
Who gives life to the people of God?

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 Prayers

Lord, in your mercy *Or* **hear our prayer.**
Lord, hear us **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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.

Dedication

**God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
May the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
May the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you now and always.**

The 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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.
This day we give you thanks
because in fulfilment of your promise
you pour out your Spirit upon us,
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,
and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.
Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,
to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.
Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,
to proclaim the glory of your name,
for ever 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
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, in remembrance of me.
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

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.**

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.**

Draw near with faith....

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Commission

As part of God's Church here in Swalwell, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

We will.

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

We will.

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

We will.

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

We will.

Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;
and the blessing...

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.