

**Morning Prayer**  
**8th June - Pentecost**  
**(We will be following this in our own homes at 10.30am)**

*Please read these words out loud, or in your heart.*

**Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips, and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Holy Spirit of God,  
on the day of Pentecost  
you came once for all to the Church  
as the gift of the exalted Lord.  
Come to us in your grace and power today,  
to make Jesus real to us,  
to teach us more about him,  
and to deepen our faith in him;  
that we may be changed into his likeness  
and be his witnesses in the world,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be kept, to ask forgiveness of our sins  
and to seek God's strength for our life of service.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

**The Word of God**

**First Reading: Romans 8:14-17**

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup> The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

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

New Testament reading: John 14:15-17, 25-27

'If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever - <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

<sup>25</sup> 'All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Song of Ezekiel (Pentecost)

- 1 I will take you from the nations,  
and gather you from all the countries.
- 2 I will sprinkle clean water upon you,  
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.
- 3 A new heart I will give you,  
and put a new spirit within you,
- 4 And I will remove from your body the heart of stone  
and give you a heart of flesh.
- 5 You shall be my people,  
and I will be your God.

*Ezekiel 36.24-26,28b*

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and shall be for ever.  
Amen.

Prayers

*Please offer your own prayers following these suggestions, if you wish, with the response below:*

- ¶ for the day and its tasks
- ¶ for the world and its needs
- ¶ for the Church and her life
- ¶ for the Holy Spirit to make us ever more like the Lord Jesus

Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

*Silence may be kept.*

O King enthroned on high,  
Comforter and Spirit of truth,  
you that are in all places and fill all things,  
the treasury of blessings and the giver of life,  
come and dwell with us,  
cleanse us from every stain  
and save our souls, O gracious one.  
Amen.

*an Orthodox prayer*

### Collect

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
be sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgment in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us  
"Our Father, who art in heaven ..."

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

### The Conclusion

God be with us in our going out and in our coming in.  
God be with us in our work and in our leisure.  
God be with us in life's hills and in its valleys.  
God be with us in company and in solitude.  
God be with us in all our pilgrimage and at its end.  
And the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
abide with us always. Amen.

Let us go in the peace of Christ.  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Thanks be to God.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

*Our services today take place at:  
Aldfield (Holy Communion) at 9.00 am;  
Grewelthorpe (All-Age Worship with Baptisms), Kirkby Malzeard (Holy Communion) and  
Sawley (Holy Communion) at 10.30 am;  
and on-line Compline via Zoom at 8.30 pm.*

***Everyone from across the benefice (and beyond) is welcome at all services.***