

Sunday 24th. May, 2026
Pentecost Sunday
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Musical Director: Mr. Alan A. Craig, M.B.E., B.Mus., P.G.C.E.
Guest Organist: Catherine J. Taylor

Welcome & Intimations

- The **Sunday School** will meet in Room 2 today.
- Please ensure all mobile phones are switched off or in silent mode during the Service.
- Please place your offering in the Offering Plates as these are uplifted during the Service.
- **Tea and Coffee** will be available after Church today in the **Cameron Hall**.
- There will be a Vestry Hour on **Wednesday 27th May, 2026 at 10 am followed by our midweek Service at 11.10am.**
- **The Kirk Session** will meet in the **Cambridge Chapel at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd June, 2026.**
- **We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday 7th June, 2026.** There will be a **Retiring Collection** in aid of the **Kirk Session Benevolent Fund.**

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 608 Spirit of truth and grace,

- 1 Spirit of truth and grace,
come to us in this place
as now in Jesus' name God's people gather.
Open our eyes to see
truths that will ever be,
and in communion draw us close together.

- 2 Spirit of joy and peace,
make all anxieties cease
with knowledge of the Father's perfect caring.
Then may God's children know
love that won't let us go
and joy that fills each day, beyond comparing.

- 3 Spirit of life and power,
revive us in this hour
and stir our hearts to praise with true devotion.
Fill us with heavenly fire,
and every heart inspire,
that we may serve the world with your compassion.

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Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 599 Holy Spirit, hear us;

- 1 Holy Spirit, hear us;
help us while we sing;
breathe into the music
of the praise we bring.
- 2 Holy Spirit, prompt us
when we try to pray;
nearer come, and teach us
what we ought to say.
- 3 Holy Spirit, teach us
through the words we read;
bring to life the Bible
with the light we need.
- 4 Holy Spirit, give us
each a lively mind;
make us more like Jesus,
gentle, pure, and kind.
- 5 Holy Spirit, help us
daily, by your might,
what is wrong to conquer,
and to choose the right.

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Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

St. John 20:19-23

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Hymn 588 Praise the Spirit in creation

- 1 Praise the Spirit in creation,
breath of God, life's origin :
Spirit, moving on the waters,
forming order deep within,
source of breath for all things breathing,
life in whom all lives begin.
- 2 Praise the Spirit, close companion
of our inmost thoughts and ways ;
who, in showing us God's wonders,
moves our hearts to love and praise ;
and God's will, to those who listen,
by a still small voice conveys.
- 3 Praise the Spirit, who enlightened
priests and prophets with the word ;
hidden truth behind the wisdoms
which as yet know not their Lord ;
by whose love and power in Jesus
God himself is seen and heard.
- 4 Praise the Spirit, sent by Jesus
when ascended to his throne,
who pours out on men and women
power for turning upside down
all the world and every people
as the gospel is made known.
- 5 Pray we now, Lord, Holy Spirit,
on our lives descend in might ;
let your flame burn bright within us,
our hearts and clear our sight,
till, consumed with your compassion,
we too set the world alight.

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Anthem

Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

Hymn 584 Like fireworks in the night

- 1 Like fireworks in the night
the Holy Spirit came;
disciple's fears took flight
when touched by fronds of flame—
and suddenly the world was young
as hope embraced a Saviour's claim.
- 2 For Jesus bade them dare
to venture, come what would,
his love taught them to share
their homes, possessions, food,
the mind of Jesus gave them speech
all tribes and peoples understood.
- 3 Thus God our spirits lifts
fresh daring to inspire
as common folk get gifts
to change the world entire
the tongues of flame at Pentecost
ran through the world like forest fire.

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Benediction

Choral Amen