



Where all find a welcome and are nurtured in their journey with Christ.

# Sung Eucharist

Pentecost



'All were filled with the Holy Spirit'

# Welcome to St Mary's

## Support our work

St Mary's is a charity which receives no funding from the government and is entirely dependent on donations and fees to keep its doors open, continue its work in the community, and maintain its buildings and outdoor spaces.

If you would like to donate to support us you can give during the service as giving plates are passed around. Alternatively, you can place your offering on the plate by the door as you leave or tap your contactless card or device.

You can also donate online by card or directly from your bank by scanning this QR Code with your camera or by visiting [wkrk.uk/donate](https://wkrk.uk/donate).



If you'd like to give in some other way, find out more about planned giving, or learn how we use donations then please ask a member of our team.

## Hearing loop available

Our church is fitted with an inductive loop system which can be picked up by setting hearing aids to the "T" position.

## Follow the instructions of our stewards

Please follow all instructions from our stewards, especially during communion.



## **Please sanitise your hands**

Please clean your hands using the provided hand sanitiser when entering and leaving the building.



## **Digital order of service available**

If you prefer, you can follow our order of service on your own phone or tablet. Just visit [wkrk.uk/oos](http://wkrk.uk/oos) on your browser or scan this QR Code.



## **Handshakes optional**

When we offer each other a sign of peace you're welcome to share a handshake, but remember that some people may not be comfortable with this and will instead simply nod or wave.



## **Communion is your choice**

Communion is available as both bread and wine, but if you wish to only receive the bread please do so and then return to your seat. Receiving only the bread is still considered to be full communion by the Church of England.



## **Masks welcome**

If you feel more comfortable wearing a face covering, please do so. If you've forgotten a face covering and would like one, please speak to a member of our team.

## **Upcoming services**

### **Said Eucharist**

This Wednesday 22 May at 10.00 am

### **Sung Eucharist for Trinity Sunday**

Next Sunday 26 May at 10.00 am

## **A prayer for vacancy**

Heavenly Father, Good Shepherd of all,  
we give you thanks and praise  
that your call to this ministry has been answered.  
Holy Spirit, encourage and inspire Claire  
as she prepares to serve you in this parish;  
open our arms and our hearts  
that she might find a warm welcome;  
and guide us all to nurture each other  
as we journey together with Christ.  
Amen

# Notices

## The next Vicar of Whitkirk

St Mary's Church is delighted to share the news that the next Vicar of Whitkirk will be the Revd Dr Claire Honess.

Claire joins us from the Benefice of Barnoldswick with Bracewell, where she has been Assistant Curate since 2021. Before her ordination she was Professor of Italian Studies at the University of Leeds. She will be moving to Whitkirk with her husband over the summer, and a date for her induction and collation will be announced in due course.

We'd like to offer our thanks to those who applied for the position, as well as to our congregation, our patron the Society for the Maintenance of the Faith, the Diocese of Leeds, and all who have offered their prayers, support and guidance through this time of vacancy.

## Open Church

**This Saturday 25 May at 2.00 pm**

**St Mary's Church, Whitkirk**

Our doors are open and all are welcome to come and visit St Mary's. Whether you want to explore our ancient architecture, just pop in and have a look around or sit and enjoy this holy space, we'd love to see you.

# **Choral Evensong in Commemoration of the 300th Anniversary of the Birth of John Smeaton**

**Saturday 8 June at 5.00 pm  
St Mary's Church, Whitkirk**

A special Choral Evensong (replacing our usual one on 2 June) as we commemorate 300 years since the birth of the "Father of Civil Engineering", John Smeaton, who lived and is buried in the parish of Whitkirk.

## **Join us after the service for refreshments**

You are warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments in our Community Centre.

# Open Church Concert Series 2024



## **FREE ADMISSION**

With a 2.15 start each concert will last 45min. The church will remain open until 4pm.

### **JUNE 1ST**

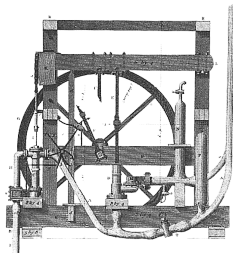
Heather Woodhead & Alison Batty (Voice, Guitar, Flute)

### **JULY 6TH**

Smeaton String Quartet

### **AUGUST 3RD**

Giles Taylor (Organ)



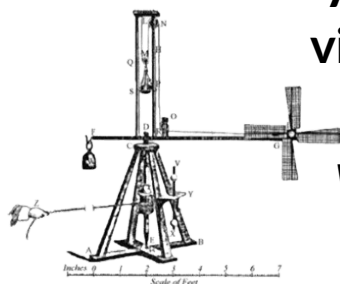
# St Mary's Celebrates Smeaton

300 years since the  
birth of  
John Smeaton



June  
7th, 8th, 9th

A weekend of talks,  
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# The Gathering

*Our worship begins at the sound of the bell, please stand as the sacred ministers enter, during which the introit hymn is sung.*

**Come down, O Love divine,  
Seek thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
True lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
Till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

*Words: Italian, Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)  
translated by Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)  
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
Hymn Tune: DOWN AMPNEY*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **The Greeting**

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.**

# Introduction

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked with him through his journey of love.

We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross. We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread.

We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord.

And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

# Responsory

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 equipping,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

*Silence is kept.*

## **The Pentecost Reading**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the

native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"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.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and  
glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the  
Lord shall be saved."

*Acts 2.1-21*

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## **The Collect**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives to bring Christ to the world.'*

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.**

*Please sit.*

# The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

*Romans 8.22-27*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



*Please stand as the gradual hymn is sung. During the hymn a procession will make its way to the centre of the nave from where the Gospel for the day is read. To symbolise our desire to turn to Christ in our daily lives, at the end of the hymn we remain standing and turn to face the place where the Gospel is proclaimed.*

**Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,  
Taught by thee we covet most  
Of thy gifts at Pentecost,  
Holy, heav'nly love.**

**Love is kind, and suffers long,  
Love is meek, and thinks no wrong,  
Love than death itself more strong;  
Therefore, give us love.**

**Prophecy will fade away,  
Melting in the light of day,  
Love will ever with us stay;  
Therefore, give us love.**

**Faith will vanish into sight;  
Hope be emptied in delight;  
Love in heav'n will shine more bright;  
Therefore, give us love.**

**Faith and hope and love we see  
Joining hand in hand agree;  
But the greatest of the three,  
And the best, is love.**

**From the overshadowing  
Of thy gold and silver wing  
Shed on us, who to thee sing,  
Holy, heav'nly love.**

*Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)  
based on 1 Corinthians 13 & Psalm 68 verse 13*

*Music: John Stainer (1840-1901)*

*Hymn Tune: CHARITY*

## **Gospel Reading**

*An acclamation is sung by the choir.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

*John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*Please sit after the preacher leads us in prayer.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Please stand with the president.*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son**

**is worshipped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Following an invitation to pray from the intercessor we kneel or sit to pray.  
The response to the bidding is:*

Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

*Then at the end:*

Generous God,  
you sent your Holy Spirit  
upon your Messiah at the river Jordan,  
and upon the disciples in the upper room:

**in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,  
hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever.  
Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*Please stand with the president.*

### The Peace

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

*2 Corinthians 1.22*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*This is usually a handshake shared with those near you.*

## **Preparation of the Table**

*The table is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*A hymn is sung. During this hymn a collection, our financial offering in support of the work of the church both at St. Mary's and across our diocese, is taken.*

*You can place cash or giving envelopes on the collection plates as they are passed around. If you would prefer, or if you miss the plate, you can also give by scanning this QR code, or by tapping your contactless card or device on the giving plate by the door as you leave.*



**O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love:  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**The earth, with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy pow'r hath founded of old;  
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!  
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.**

**O measureless might, ineffable love,  
While angels delight to hymn thee above,  
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.**

*Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838) based on Psalm 104*

*Music: melody and bass by William Croft (1678-1727)*

*in 'A Supplement to the New Version' (1708)*

*Hymn Tune: HANOVER*

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**



# The Eucharistic Prayer

*Please kneel or sit.*

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 singing:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

*The **Agnus Dei** is sung as the bread is broken for distribution.*

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The president and people receive communion. All baptised Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please follow the guidance offered by the stewards.*

*If you are not baptised, or would prefer to not receive, then do still come forward for a blessing bringing this book with you so the president knows your intention.*

*The sacrament is available in both kinds, however if you wish to only receive the bread please do so and then return to your place. Receiving in one kind is still considered to be full communion by the Church of England. Please do not dip bread in the wine (sometimes called 'intincting').*

*For those at home it might be helpful to use this prayer during the distribution.*

***Come, Holy Spirit, come upon us,  
come around us, come within us;  
come to lead us, come to guide us,  
that we may work in your power,  
and rest in your presence:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Father,  
one God for ever.  
Amen.***

## **Choir Anthem**

### **‘Come, Holy Ghost’**

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
And lighten with celestial fire;  
Thou the anointing Spirit art,  
Who dost thy sev'n-fold gifts impart.  
Thy blessèd unction from above  
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.

Enable with perpetual light  
The dullness of our blinded sight.  
Anoint and cheer our soilèd face  
With the abundance of thy grace:  
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
Where thou art guide no ill can come;  
Where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And thee, of Both, to be but One.  
That through the ages all along  
This may be our endless song.  
'Praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.'

*Words: John Cosin (1594-1672)*  
*Music: Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)*

*The following Communion Hymns may be sung during the distribution as time allows. Please remain seated.*

**O thou who camest from above  
The pure celestial fire to impart,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
On the mean altar of my heart.**

**There let it for thy glory burn  
With inextinguishable blaze,  
And trembling to its source return  
In humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
To work, and speak, and think for thee;  
Still let me guard the holy fire  
And still stir up the gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,  
My acts of faith and love repeat,  
Till death thy endless mercies seal,  
And make the sacrifice complete.**

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

*based on Leviticus 6.13*

*Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)*

*Hymn Tune: HEREFORD*

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One, is here;  
Come, bow before him now,  
With reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found,  
We stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire,  
With splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
Our radiant King of Light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.**



**Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place,  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him,  
In faith receive from him;  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.**

*Words & Music: David Evans (b. 1957)*

*Music arrangement: Norman Warren (1934-2019)*

## **The Post Communion Prayer**

*Please stand with the president who introduces a time of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.*

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.**

*Please stand as a hymn is sung.*

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love,  
And do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure:  
Until with thee I have one will  
To do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with thee the perfect life  
Of thine eternity.**

*Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)*

*Music: Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)*

*Hymn Tune: CARLISLE*

# The Dismissal

## Blessing of Light

*The ministers go to the Easter Candle.*

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.  
With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.  
Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.  
Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word;  
the young receive visions, the old receive dreams.  
With the new wine of the Spirit  
they proclaim your reign of love.  
Amid the birth pangs of the new creation  
the way of light is made known.  
Source of freedom, giver of life,  
blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*Each member of the congregation has a candle which is lit.*

## Commission

*When all the candles are lit the president says:*

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church here in Whitkirk, Colton and beyond 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.**

*The Easter Candle is extinguished in silence.*

## **Conclusion**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

## **The Blessing**

May the Spirit,  
who hovered over the waters when the world was created,  
breathe into you the life he gives.

**Amen.**

May the Spirit,  
who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son  
came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

**Amen.**

May the Spirit,  
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,  
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

Filled with the Spirit's power,  
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



## Our regular services

- Sung Eucharist: Every Sunday at 10.00 am  
Said Eucharist: Every Wednesday at 10.00 am  
Choral Evensong: Next on Saturday 8 June at 5.00 pm  
Compline: Next on Wednesday 5 June at 8.30 pm

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