

CHRIST CHURCH, BRAY



The Day of Pentecost
Whitsunday

Sunday, 19th May 2024

The Gathering of God's People

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Hymn 112 *There is a redeemer*

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.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,

who on the day of Pentecost

sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles

with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,

filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:

By the power of the same Spirit

strengthen us to witness to your truth

and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Penitence

You have sent us the Spirit of love,

but we have preferred to detest those who oppose us.

You have sent us the Spirit of joy,

but we have taken your gifts for granted and have not been thankful.

You have sent us the Spirit of peace,

but we have allowed our selfishness to cause strife and argument.

You have sent us the Spirit of kindness,

but we have not noticed other people's needs.

You have sent us the Spirit of gentleness,

but we have not been sensitive to the feelings of others.

Forgive us, merciful God.

Teach us how much we need the power of your Spirit in our lives; and breathe new life into us; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies

cleanse us from our sins,

and restore us in his image

to the praise and glory of his name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet

and a light upon our path. *c.f. Psalm 119:105*

O Lord, your word is everlasting:

it stands firm for ever in the heavens. *c.f. Psalm 119:89*

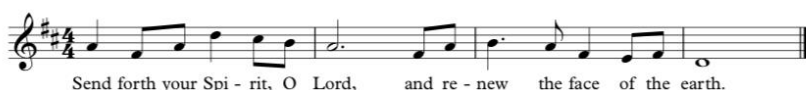
Let us then receive the word of the Lord.

so may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

Psalm 104: 26-36. 37b



26 O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

27 There is the sea, spread far and wide, ♦
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan ♦
which you have made to play in the deep.

29 All of these look to you ♦
to give them their food in due season.

30 When you give it them, they gather it; ♦
you open your hand and they are filled with good.

31 When you hide your face they are troubled; ♦
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to the dust.

32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ♦
and you renew the face of the earth.

33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦
may the Lord rejoice in his works;

34 He looks on the earth and it trembles; ♦
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; ♦
I will make music to my God while I have my being.

36 So shall my song please him ♦
while I rejoice in the Lord.

37 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth
and the wicked be no more. ♦
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Alleluia.

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

A Song of Ezekiel (Choir)

A Collect of the Word

O God,
who taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things,
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Sermon

Hymn 195 *Lord, the light of your love is shining*

<i>The Response to God's Word</i>
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Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
who made the world?

I believe and trust in him

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed mankind?

I believe and trust in him.

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

I 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**

The Prayers of the People

Spirit of God

Open our hearts and minds

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray:

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.

Hymn 6 (Collection) *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

Going Out as God's People

**Be with us Lord,
as we go out into the world.
May the lips that have sung your praise
always speak the truth;
may the ears which have heard your Word
listen only to what is good
and may our lives as well as our worship
be always pleasing in your sight,
for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

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

**And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us now and forever more. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Jesus said, 'Receive the Spirit: as the Father sent me, so I send you.'
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

Hymn 639 O thou who camest from above

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Readings

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All 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. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, 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."

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Alleluia.

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

²⁶ '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. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ⁴But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless, 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. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹² 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

A Song of Ezekiel (Choir)

- 1 I will take you | from the | nations:
and | gather you · from | all the | countries:
- 2 I will sprinkle clean | water up|on you:
and you shall be | clean from | all · your un|righteousness.
- 3 A new heart | I will | give you:
and | put a · new | spirit · with|in 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.

[Glory to the Father and | to the | Son:
and | to the | Holy | Spirit:
as it was in the be|ginning, is| now
and shall be for|ever. | A – | men.]

Sunday 26th May

11am Morning Prayer

Sunday 2nd June

11am Morning Prayer

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Announcements

Garden Fete

Thank you to Annemarie, Michele and all the team for the wonderful job organising our Garden Fete yesterday.

Donations to the Storehouse

The Mothers' Union have re-instated the food hamper in support of The Storehouse in Crinken. <http://crinken.ie/storehouse.php> Please do bring your contributions of dry goods which will then be delivered to The Storehouse.

Parish Office

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