

The Parish Church of St. Mary, Shortlands

PENTECOST FOREVER

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Psalm 98:4-8

**Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
make music to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn -
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.
Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;**

WELCOME

Song – Shine, Jesus, Shine (Lord, the light of your love)

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord,
And let there be light*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus (repeat)

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INTRODUCTION

Song – As the deer pants for the water

As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,
Only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.

Chorus

You're my friend and you are my brother,
Even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other,
So much more than anything.

Chorus

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READINGS

Pentecost is Every Day

I share and share and share again
sometimes with a new language
which, if you are so open
will take you behind the sky
and award you cartwheels across the sun.

I give and give and give again
not restricted by the church calendar
or concocted by ritual.

I have no need of anniversaries
for I have always been.
I speak and speak and speak again
with the sting of purity
that can only be Me,
causing joyous earthquakes in the mourning soul
of man.

I am and am and am again.

Stewart Henderson (20th century)

Christ has no body now but ours

Christ has no body now but ours.
No hands, no feet on earth but ours.
Ours are the eyes through which Christ
looks with compassion on this world.
Ours are the feet with which he walks about doing good.
Ours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.
Ours are the hands,
Ours are the feet,
Ours are the eyes.
We are his body and Christ has no body now on earth but ours.

St Theresa of Avila (16th century)

Keeping Watch

In the morning
When I begin to wake,
It happened again

That feeling
That you, Beloved,
Had stood over me all night
Keeping watch.

That feeling
That as soon as I began to stir
You put your lips on my forehead
And lit a Holy Lamp
Inside my heart.

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SHARING OUR EXPERIENCES

How do you experience the Holy Spirit? How do you recognise its stirrings in you? During the next song, please add your comments in a few words, no more than 4 or 5 words, on our Facebook page. If you are unable to add comments, write them on paper, or share them with someone watching with you.

Song – Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Solo by Zoe Cooper

Reading

Stream of Love,
all encompassing,
gathering me
as a cherished one
in a welcoming embrace.

Stream of Compassion,
bonding with me,
holding my tears
in the tender cup
of your love.

Stream of Goodness,
pouring your light,
into my soul
like a sunbeam
at dawn.

Stream of Nurturing,
providing for me,
in the darkness
of your protective
enveloping womb

Stream of Joyfulness,
dancing in me,
celebrating life
with each moment.

Stream of Mercy,
receiving my sorrow,
with understanding
as you continue
to believe in me.

Stream of Hope,
ever glorious,
ever present
kissing my vision
and enriching my dreams.

Song – The Lord’s my Shepherd

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone.

And I will trust in You alone,

For your endless mercy follows me,

Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

Chorus

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

Chorus (repeat)

Let us pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, set our hearts on fire.

Turn our darkness into light.

Send the gift of your Spirit to help us to pray, and listen to your voice.

As you filled the house where the disciples were, fill our homes and hearts.

Let us know that we dwell in you, and that you are in us.

Let it truly be Pentecost forever.

Lord, bless us.

ALL: Lord, bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

Gracious God,

We ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain; or darkened by sorrow or bereavement, especially during these difficult times.

We ask for the love and courage of your Spirit for those reaching out to comfort the distressed. Let us all hold out the hand of hope to each other.

Lord, Bless us.

ALL: Lord, bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

Loving Father,

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit, and ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us.

We thank you for the gifts of your Spirit, and ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.

Renew us and inspire us; refresh us and move us to do what is right.

Above all, remind us that we live today and every day in your power and love.

Lord, Bless us.

ALL: Lord, bless us and fill us with your Spirit

Music – Holy Spirit, we welcome you

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AMEN