## St Ignatius', Carryduff Early Communion

## 19 May 2024 8:30 am - The Feast of Pentecost

## The Gathering of God’s People

### Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all **and also with you.**

## Collect for Purity.

### **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden;** **Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Penitence

### Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets. **Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

### Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** You are the King of glory, O Christ. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## Absolution

### Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Gloria in Excelsis – please stand

### **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s 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 – Pentecost

### 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.**

## Acts 2:1-21 -- please be seated

### *The reader says* A reading from Acts chapter 2 beginning at verse 1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: ‘Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!’ Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, ‘What does this mean?’ Some, however, made fun of them and said, ‘They have had too much wine.’ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘ “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 -- Please stand

### *The reader says* Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John chapter 15, beginning at verse 16 **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, “Where are you going?” Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. ‘I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.’

### This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## The Sermon

## The Nicene Creed

### **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 by the Holy Spirit of 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.**

## The Prayers of the People

### Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church **that we all may be one.** Grant that every member of your Church may truly and humbly serve you: **that your name may be glorified by all people.** We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons **that they may be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments.** We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world **that there may be justice and peace on the earth.** Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake **that your glory may be proclaimed through our lives.** Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble **that they may be delivered from their distress.** We praise you for your saints who have entered their eternal joy **may we also come to share in the fulness of your kingdom.** We pray for our own needs and for those of others: *Silence.* Gracious God, grant that the desires of your people’s hearts may find favour in your sight, through the intercession of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Peace

### The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace. If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit. The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

## At the Lord’s Table

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**  
The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places  
it is right to give you thanks and praise:  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
according to whose promise  
the Holy Spirit came to dwell in us,  
making us your children,  
and giving us power to proclaim the gospel throughout the world:  
And so with all your people,  
with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
. . . for ever praising you and saying:  
**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!**  
Blessed are you, Father,  
the creator and sustainer of all things;  
you made us in your own image,  
male and female you created us;  
even when we turned away from you,  
you never ceased to care for us,  
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man  
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:  
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world:  
he instituted,  
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of his precious death  
until he comes again.  
On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you, 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 when he had given thanks to you,  
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for 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, Father, with this bread and this cup we do  
as Christ your Son commanded:  
**we remember his passion and death,  
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,  
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**  
Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,  
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit  
that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:  
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
. . in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
**all honour and glory are yours,   
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say  
**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 the bread

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**  
Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.  
Remember that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## Going Out as God’s People

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food  
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**  
**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit   
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## The Blessing and Dismissal

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,  
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
and to proclaim the words and works of God:  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**