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Readings for Sunday 23rd May Pentecost Year B Colour Red

Collect

God, who as at this time
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 is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Acts 2.1–21

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 their
native language. 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, retans
and Arabs – n our own languages we hear them
speaking bout God's deeds of power.' Il were
amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,
What does this mean?' ut 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."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104.25–35, 37

**R Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures. **R**

Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it. **R**
All of them look to you

to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled with
good things.

You hide your face and they are terrified;
you take away their breath
and they die and return to their dust. **R**

You send forth your Spirit and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke. **R**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him;
I will rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
Alleluia! **R**



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SECOND READING Romans 8.22–27

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.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel John 15.26–27, 16.4b–15

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 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. 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

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**

Prayer for the Week

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**

This week

Saturday 22nd May

2-4 Plant Sale in Upton Churchyard (in church if wet)

Sunday 23rd May Pentecost

9.00 am Methodist service of Holy Communion in Alconbury

9.30 am Holy Communion, Little Stukeley

9.30 am Morning service, Great Stukeley

There will be a Confirmation Service in Ely Cathedral later today. 2 candidates from the benefice are due to be confirmed. Please pray for them.

Friday 28th May

12.00 noon Filmed midday service for Little Gidding, followed by Zoom lunch. This will be the last service filmed this way for the moment. From next week, midday prayers will be filmed from Little Gidding and posted slightly later.

Sunday 30th May – Service for Trinity Sunday in St John's Little Gidding.

This is the only benefice service that Sunday, and the first service in Lt Gidding since March 2020. Seating is very limited and booking is essential. Please contact Fiona to book a place

June 5-13th 'The Church's Count on Nature'

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/news-releases/churches-launch-nature-count-assess-biodiversity-within-national-park>

We are encouraged to use this week to find ways to explore and record the biodiversity in

our churchyards. Is this something we can help your church use to welcome the community into the churchyard. Great Gidding will be using this as the first time we welcome the school children back into the church(yard). They'll be coming in their 'bubbles', explore the churchyard and have a small act of collective worship outside.

What could you do?

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