



ST AUGUSTINE'S
Thorpe Bay



Pentecost Sunday

**A service of Holy Communion
also celebrating our Patronal Festival**

Sunday 24th May 2026

Welcome

Welcome to St Augustine's Thorpe Bay. Today we celebrate both the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and the feast of our Patron Saint, Augustine of Canterbury. Our service includes Holy Communion. All those who are baptised and have received Communion before are welcome to receive it here this morning. If you have any particular needs or require any help this morning, please speak to one of the welcomers.

This booklet contains instructions to sit and to stand. It is important that members of the congregation feel comfortable so please adhere to them as your own needs dictate.

Our service begins as we stand to sing...

**FATHER, LORD OF ALL CREATION,
ground of Being, Life and Love:
height and depth beyond description
only life in you can prove:
you are mortal life's dependence
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace.
Yours is every hour's existence
sovereign Lord of time and space.**

**Jesus Christ, the Man for Others
we, your people, make our prayer
give us grace to love as brothers
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there your love may others see.**

**Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction
God, through us your love make known.**

Stewart Cross (1928 – 1988)

Greeting

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

All Amen.

Grace mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All and also with you.

The priest introduces the service and then says...

As we wait in silence,

All fill us with your Spirit.

As we listen to your word,

All fill us with your Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty,

All fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing,

All fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your renewing,

All fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your equipping,

All fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your empowering,

All fill us with your Spirit.

Silence is kept.

The Confession

What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us
through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed, through negligence,
through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of
life to the glory of your name.
Amen.

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

All Amen.

We remain standing to sing...

The Gloria

**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 for Pentecost

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.

All Amen.

Please be seated.

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

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing...

**SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Repeat

Daniel Iverson (1890-1977)

Please remain standing.

The Gospel reading

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

John 20:19-23

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

Please stand.

The Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Prayers

The following response may be used.

Lord, come to bless us.

All and fill us with your Spirit.

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!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

We share the peace.

We remain standing to sing...

LORD, FOR THE YEARS your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us-
self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley Smith © Hope Publishing

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

With this bread that we bring

All we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring

All we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.

All We shall remember Jesus.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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:

All (sung) 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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Saint Augustine and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit as our saviour taught us, so we pray.

**All 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

We sing the Agnus Dei

All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

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. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All those baptised in the Christian faith and who have received Holy Communion before are welcome to receive here today. If you do not receive Holy Communion you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please bring this booklet with you so that the priest knows to pray a blessing for you.

As we receive, we sing...

**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 will 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.**

Edwin Hatch (1835-89)

**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.**

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Prayer after Communion

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.

All Amen

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with 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.**

Notices are given and birthdays celebrated.

Then the priest says...

Today, as we celebrate our Patronal Festival, we give thanks for the life and witness of Augustine of Canterbury, missionary to these islands and the first Archbishop of Canterbury. Sent to proclaim the Gospel, Augustine helped plant the seeds of the Christian faith in this land, a faith which has been handed down through generations.

Today, in this parish of Thorpe Bay, we rejoice that we are part of that same story: called to worship God, to serve our community, and to bear witness to Christ in our own generation. As we celebrate all that God has done and continues to do in the life of this church, let us offer our praise and thanksgiving to him.

For the people who make up this church now and for all those who have faithfully worshipped here over the decades,

All we offer you our praise and thanksgiving, O Lord.

For the ministry of worship, word, and sacrament; for all who teach us, lead us in prayer, lift our hearts in music, and prepare this sacred space for your glory,

All we offer you our praise and thanksgiving, O Lord.

For our pastoral ministry and church activities and for all who contribute their time, energy, skill or resources to add to our shared life

All we offer you our praise and thanksgiving, O Lord.

For the gifts of friendship and care; for the warm welcome extended to the stranger, the support given to the lonely, and the love shared within this church family,

All we offer you our praise and thanksgiving, O Lord.

For the mission we share in service to the community of Thorpe Bay; for our personal and corporate witness in word and works, and for our partnership in the diocese of Chelmsford and the wider Church,

All we offer you our praise and thanksgiving, O Lord.

Confirm us in your service, O God, and empower us by your Holy Spirit to walk in your light, to rejoice in your love, and to reflect your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Collect for St Augustine of Canterbury

Almighty God,
whose servant Augustine was sent as the apostle
of the English people:
grant that as he laboured in the Spirit
to preach Christ's gospel in this land,
so all who hear the good news
may strive to make your truth known in all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

We stand to sing...

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY, great things he hath done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son;
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.**

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
let the earth hear his voice;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
let the people rejoice:
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son
and give him the glory; great things he hath done!*

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord...

**Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord...

Frances van Alstyne (1820-1915)

The Blessing and Dismissal

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

All Amen.

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

All 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.

All Amen.

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

All Amen.

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

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

The choir and ministers depart.

Giving

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