**Order of Service for Pentecost**

**31 May 2020**

**St Mark’s Church, Bromley**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** A service of Word and Music from St Mark’s, which is posted here on [YouTube](https://youtu.be/rWrpg0H-z08) . This service includes readings from the congregation and choir song.

**INTROIT**

Veni Creator

*Teresa and Andrew Wilson, Director of Music*

**Introduction**

*Canon Victoria Pask, Vicar*

**COLLECT** (prayer of the day):

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.***

**READING:** Acts, chapter 2, verses 1 to 21

*read by Hans Loges*

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.”

Thanks be to God

**GOSPEL:** John, chapter 20, verses 19 to 23

*read by Raphael Loges*

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.

Thanks be to God

**Hymn** Holy Spirit, come, confirm us (NEH 140)

*St Mark’s Church choristers*

**Reflection**

*Canon Victoria Pask, Vicar*

**Intercessions**

*Natasha Loges*

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (voices overlaid)

*Recorded for this service, by congregation and friends, in*

*Spanish, Italian, French, Welsh, Latin, Japanese, Swahili, German, English, Polish, New Testament Greek.*

Praying together – whichever version or language you prefer:

**Our Father…..**

**Amen.**