

There follows either an Homily and/or Prayers concluding with a Blessing.

The Recessional Hymn is sung:

**Saviour, again to thy dear Name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon thy Name.**

**Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
turn thou for us its darkness into light;
from harm and danger keep thy children free,
for dark and light are both alike to thee.**

**Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life;
peace to thy church from error and from strife;
peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
peace in each heart, thy Spirit from above.**

**Thy peace in life, the balm of every pain;
thy peace in death, the hope to rise again;
then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.**

*Words: John Ellerton (1866)
Tune: Ellers*

The Paschal Candle is extinguished.
Thus ends Eastertide.

All Saints Parish Church Stony Stratford with Calverton



Pentecost from Rabbula Gospels Syrian, c.585. Florence, Laurentian Library

EVENSONG

**THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST
6:00pm on 31st May AD 2020**

The Order for Evening Prayer

**Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come,
From thy bright heav'nly throne,
Come take possession of our souls,
And make them all thy own.**

**Thou who art called the Paraclete,
Best gift of God above,
The living spring, the living fire,
Sweet unction and true love.**

**Thou who art sevenfold in thy grace,
Finger of God's right hand
His promise teaching little ones
To speak an understand.**

**O guide our minds with thy blessed light,
With love our hearts inflame;
And with thy strength, which never decays
Confirm our mortal frame.**

**Far from us drive our deadly foe;
True peace unto us bring;
And through all perils lead us safe
Beneath thy sacred wing.**

**Through thee may we the Father know,
Through thee the eternal Son,
And thee, the Spirit of them both,
Thrice-blessed Three in One.**

**All glory to the Father be,
With his coequal Son;
The same to thee, great Paraclete,
While endless ages run. Amen.**

*Words: Author: Anonymous; Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1863)
Tune: Tallis Ordinal*

The First Collect (of the Day) at Evening Prayer.

God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ our Saviour, who livest and reignest with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

In Quires and places where they sing, an anthem may be sung, after which all stand to sing:

**Come down, O love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardour glowing.
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn, til earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let Thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.**

*Words: This much loved hymn has a long history, the original Latin text (VENI, Sancte Spiritus, ...) known as "The Golden Sequence" was most likely composed by Archbishop of Canterbury, Stephen Langton (d 1228). Bianco da Siena (d. 1434) included it in his "Laudi spirituali del Bianco da Siena".
Music: Down Ampney*

And after that these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling: the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice,

The Lord be with you.

Answer. **And with thy spirit.**

Minister. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Minister, Clerks, and people shall say the Lord's Prayer with a loud voice.

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Then the Priest standing up shall say:

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer. **And grant us thy salvation.**

Priest. O Lord, save the Queen.

Answer. **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Priest. O Lord, save thy people.

Answer. **And bless thine inheritance.**

Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer. **Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.**

Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Then shall follow three Collects: The first of the day: The second for Peace: The third for Aid against all Perils, as hereafter followeth: which two last Collects shall be daily said at Evening Prayer without alteration.

At the beginning of Evening Prayer the Minister shall read with a loud voice some one or more of these Sentences of the Scriptures that follow. And then he shall say that which is written after the said Sentences.

When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

Ezek. 18.27

I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. *Psalms 51.3*

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. *Psalms 51.9*

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. *Psalms 51.17*

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel 2.13*

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. *Dan. 9.9,10*

O Lord, correct me, but with judgement; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing. *Jer. 10.24; Psalms 6.1*

Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. *S. Matth. 3.2*

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. *S. Luke 15.18,19*

Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. *Psalms 143.2*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 S. John 1.8,9*

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the Minister, all kneeling.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest alone, standing: the people still kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If no priest be present the person saying the Service shall read the Collect for the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity, that person and the people still kneeling.

Then the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lord's Prayer: the people also kneeling, and repeating it with him.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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.

7 He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat : and hath exalted the | humble and | meek.

8 He hath filled the hungry with | good | things : and the rich he | hath sent | empty away.

9 He remembering his | mercy : hath | holpen his | servant | Israel.

10 As he promised | to our | forefathers : Abraham | and his | seed for | ever.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son : and | to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever | shall be : world without | end. | Amen.

Then a Lesson of the New Testament, (Romans 8: 18-27) as it is appointed. And after that Nunc dimittis (or the Song of Simeon) in English, as followeth.

Nunc Dimittis

(S. Luke 2. 29)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in | peace : according | to thy | word.

For mine eyes have | seen thy salvation : which thou hast prepared before the | face of | all | people.

To be a light to | lighten the | Gentiles : and to be the | glory • of thy | people | Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son : and | to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever | shall be : world without | end. | Amen.

Then shall be sung or said the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and the people standing: Except only such days as the Creed of Saint Athanasius is appointed to be read.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

29. When thou hidest thy face * they are * troubled : when thou takest away their breath they die, and are * turned a*gain to their * dust.

30. When thou lettest thy breath go forth they * shall be * made : and thou shalt re*new the * face of the * earth.

31. The glorious majesty of the Lord shall en*dure for * ever : the * Lord shall re*joice in his * works.

32. The earth shall * tremble • at the * look of him : if he do but * touch the * hills • they shall * smoke.

33. I will sing unto the Lord as * long as I * live : I will praise my God * while I * have my * being.

34. And so shall my * words * please him : my * joy shall * be in the * Lord.

35. As for sinners, they shall be consumed * out of the * earth : and the un*godly shall * come to an * end.

35a. (2nd Part) Praise * thou the * Lord : O my * soul * praise the * Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world without end.
Amen.

Then a Lesson of the Old Testament, (Ezekiel 37: 1-14) as is appointed. And after that Magnificat (or the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary) in English, as followeth.

Magnificat

(S. Luke 1)

My soul doth | magnify the | Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in | God my | Saviour.

2 For he | hath regarded : the | lowliness | of his | handmaiden.

3 For behold from | henceforth : all gene|rations shall | call me | blessed.

4 For he that is mighty hath | magnified | me : and | holy | is his | Name.

5 And his mercy is on | them that | fear him : through|out all | gene|rations.

6 He hath shew-ed | strength with his | arm : he hath scattered the proud, in the imagi|nation | of their | hearts.

Then likewise he shall say,

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

Priest. O God, make speed to save us.

Answer. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Here, all standing up, the Priest shall say,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

Priest. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. **The Lord's Name be praised.**

The Office Hymn is sung:

**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. .**

Words: Author: Edwin Hatch (1878) .

Tune: Trentham

Then shall be said or sung the Psalms in order as they be appointed.

THE PSALMS OF DAVID

Psalm 104

Benedic, anima mea

1. Praise the Lord * O my * soul : O Lord my God thou art become exceeding glorious, thou art * clothed with * majesty and * honour.
2. Thou deckest thyself with light as it * were with a * garment : and spreadest out the * heavens * like a * curtain.
3. Who layeth the beams of his chambers * in the * waters : and maketh the clouds his chariot, and walketh up*on the * wings of the * wind.
4. He maketh his * angels * spirits : and his * ministers a * flaming * fire.
5. He laid the foundations * of the * earth : that it never should * move at * any * time.
6. Thou coverest it with the deep, like as * with a * garment : the * waters * stand in the * hills.
7. At thy re*buke they * flee : at the voice of thy * thunder * they are a*fraid.
8. They go up as high as the hills, and down to the * valley be*neath : even unto the place which * thou hast ap*ointed * for them.
9. Thou hast set them their bounds which they * shall not * pass : neither turn a*gain to * cover the * earth.
10. He sendeth the springs * into the * rivers : which * run a*mong the * hills.
11. All beasts of the field * drink there*of : and the wild * asses * quench their * thirst.
12. Beside them shall the fowls of the air have their * habi*tation : and * sing a*mong the * branches.
13. He watereth the hills * from a*bove : the earth is * filled with the * fruit of thy * works.
14. He bringeth forth * grass for the * cattle : and green * herb for the * service of * men;

15. That he may bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the * heart of * man : and oil to make him a cheerful countenance, and * bread to * strengthen man's * heart.
16. The trees of the Lord also are * full of * sap : even the cedars of * Libanus which * he hath * planted;
17. Wherein the birds * make their * nests : and the fir-trees are a * dwelling * for the * stork.
18. The high hills are a refuge * for the wild * goats : and so are the * stony * rocks for the * conies.
19. He appointed the moon for * certain * seasons : and the sun * knoweth his * going * down.
20. Thou makest darkness that it * may be * night : wherein all the * beasts of the * forest do * move.
21. The lions roaring * after their * prey : do * seek their * meat from * God.
22. The sun ariseth, and they get them a*way to*gether : and * lay them * down in their * dens.
23. (2nd Part) Man goeth * forth to his * work and * to his * labour : un*til the * evening.
24. O Lord how manifold * are thy * works : in wisdom hast thou made them all, the * earth is * full of thy * riches.
25. So is the great and * wide sea * also : wherein are things creeping innumerable, both * small and * great * beasts.
26. There go the ships, and there is * that Le*viathan : whom thou hast made to * take his * pastime there*in.
27. These wait * all upon * thee : that thou mayest give them * meat in * due * season.
28. When thou givest it * them they * gather it : and when thou openest thy hand * they are * filled with * good.