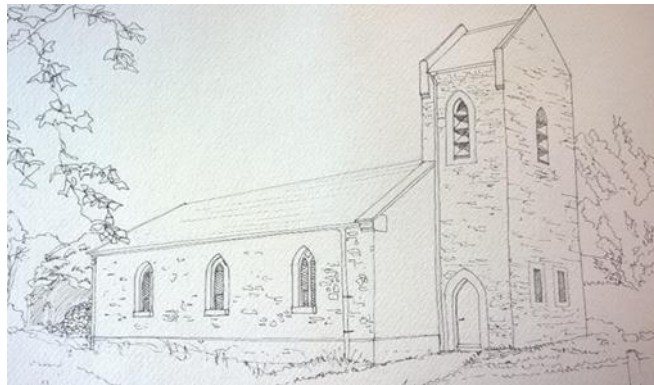


Templebreedy Group of Parishes



Holy Trinity Church, Crosshaven



Nohoval Church, Nohoval

Holy and Spiritual Communion

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

WHIT SUNDAY

Nohoval Church, Nohoval

31st May 2020

THE GREETING

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

WELCOME

*Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, 'the giver of life':
Pentecost (Greek Pentecoste - fiftieth) was a Jewish harvest festival occurring 50 days after the Passover.
It marked the occasion when, with signs of wind and flame, the Spirit came upon the first disciples.
Now they were empowered to bear witness to Christ. 'Whit Sunday' another name for Pentecost refers to the white robes usually worn by those baptized on this day.*

Call to worship

Come, Holy Spirit; fill us with your peace.
Come, Holy Spirit; unite us in our worship.
Come, Holy Spirit; raise us by your power.
Come, Holy Spirit, come now.

A gathering prayer

Dear Lord,
we gather in the name of Jesus
and in the power of the Spirit to worship you.
We bring gifts of speaking, of listening, of music,
of prayerfulness, of knowledge, and of wisdom.
May our gifts be united to honour you and may each
of us receive from you that which we need. **Amen.**

Hymn 294 Come Down O Love Divine

<https://youtu.be/6HPKL1wOVXk>

1 Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,
till 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.

3 Let holy charity
my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart
which takes the humbler part,

and for its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
4 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 Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Bianco da Siena (b. Anciolina, circa 1350; d. Venice, Italy, circa 1434)

THE 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

St Paul teaches us not to 'grieve the Holy Spirit of God'. (*Eph. 4:30*)

Let us therefore confess those sins that hinder his work among us ...

The Spirit brings us to life in Christ:

Lord, forgive us when we have closed our hearts to his renewing power.

Lord, have mercy. ***Lord, have mercy.***

The Spirit leads us into the truth of Christ:

Lord, forgive us when we have closed our minds to learning anything new.

Christ, have mercy. ***Christ, have mercy.***

The Spirit makes Christ known in the world:

Lord, forgive us when we have failed to bear witness to the gospel of Christ.

Lord, have mercy. ***Lord, have mercy.***

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The presiding minister introduces the Collect, allowing a short space for silence, and the people respond to the Collect with their Amen.

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.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING ~Acts 2: 1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2, beginning to read at verse 1

- 2When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
- 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
- 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.
- 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
- 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.
- 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.
- 7Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?’
- 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?
- 9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
- 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
- 11Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’
- 12All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’
- 13But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’
- 14 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.
- 15Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.
- 16No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
- 17 “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.
- 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
- 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20 The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

At the end the reader may say

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING- John 7: 37-39

The Gospel Reading is introduced:

37 On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,

38 and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."

39 Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

and concludes with:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

The Prayers of the People

INTERCESSIONS

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.
Generous God,
we thank you for the *power* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *wisdom* of your Holy Spirit.
And ask you to make us wise to understand your will.
May the things we are learning in lockdown not be forgotten
or the new friends and connections we have made.
We ask you to keep us confident of your love in these uncertain days in the easing of lockdown. Guide and inspire all those in authority and those making decisions for adults, children and especially the vulnerable with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, and for us to play our part in keeping everyone around us safe.
By the power of the Holy Spirit may we be strengthened to serve you better.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit and ask for healing and strength for all those suffering with Coronavirus, and for all those who are suffering with other ailments, we think of those in hospital at this time.

We pray for those caring for the sick, for wisdom, skill and patience.

Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *fruit* of your Holy Spirit.
For it to grow in our lives and in your Church.
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *breath* of your Holy Spirit,
given us by the risen Lord.
We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed,
in the joy of eternal life. We pray for the bereaved, for Ann on the loss of her sister recently,
and for the Mc Mullan family on the loss of Anne this week.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God,
you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan,
and upon the disciples in the upper room:
in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,
**hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

The presiding minister introduces the Peace with these or other suitable words:

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. *cf 2 Corinthians 1.22*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The bread and wine shall be placed on the table for the communion if this has not already been done and one of the following may be said

Blessed be God,
who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor,
who fills our praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The bishop or priest who presides takes the bread and wine and may say

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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:

And now we give you thanks
that, after he had ascended far above all heavens,
and was seated at the right hand of your majesty,
he sent forth upon the universal Church your holy and life-giving Spirit;
that through his glorious power the joy of the everlasting gospel
might go forth into all 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 we look for the coming of the Kingdom, and empowered by the Holy Spirit let us pray as
Christ has taught us:

**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

*The presiding minister (who may be assisted by the deacon) breaks the consecrated bread in preparation for the
Communion*

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.**

THE COMMUNION

The presiding minister says

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

The Communion

Spiritual Communion

I am very conscious that we cannot receive the physical elements of the bread and wine together in church at the present time. In a Spiritual Communion, with a contrite heart, we ask Jesus to come to us in the same way, although not receiving the elements in the mouth, we are by faith partakers of the body and blood of Christ and of the benefits he conveys to us by them.

Let us reflect together on these words

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' John 6.35
Give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and ask him to be with you now...

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. **Amen.**

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The appropriate Post Communion Prayer (pages 241-236), or the following may be said:

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.**

All say

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.**

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

Closing Hymn 293 Breathe on me breath of God

https://youtu.be/6ph-t8P2r_I?list=TLPQMjgwNTIwMjBhQVgkKKhzw

1 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.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine,
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die;
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Words: Edwin Hatch, 1878

BLESSING

The minister blesses the people, saying

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

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

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

A minister says

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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