

Pentecost Sunday, Year A
27th/28th May, 2023.

Welcome:

Good morning/evening my name isand I welcome you all to Mass at St Mark's.

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. It is the last day of the Easter Season and also the birthday of the church. In today's readings the Spirit of God descends on the Disciples and gives them the courage to speak to all people, regardless of language and culture. Pentecost is the beginning of the Christian Church's mission to the world.

Please stand for the entrance hymn.

Intercessions:

Priest: Sisters and brothers, with the Holy Spirit as our gift, let us bring our prayers before God.

Reader: We pray for the Church, that we may be transformed and renewed through the Spirit's presence in our hearts.
(pause) Lord Hear Us

Reader: That the gifts of the Spirit may help us recognize and put into practice these gifts for the service of God.
(pause) Lord Hear Us

Reader: That the needy, the exploited, the abused, and the victims of war may come to know their freedom and dignity as children of God.
(pause) Lord Hear Us:

Reader: That with the gift of humility we have the courage to acknowledge our own faults and our need of God's love and mercy.
(pause) Lord Hear Us:

Reader: That the Spirit of God will touch all who are sick or wounded and restore them to wholeness. **(pause) Lord Hear Us**

Reader: That God's mercy will grant eternal life to those who have died.
(pause) Lord Hear Us

Priest: Lord we ask You to awaken our spirits to knowledge, understanding and courage and help us to spread Your message of love to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen