

*St. Augustine's
Family Service*

31 July 2005

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Welcome

Please stand for the hymn

Breathe on me, Breath of God

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 with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure,**
3. **Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine;
Until this earthly part of me
Glowes 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.**

Please sit.

WHAT ARE
THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ?

*St Paul tells us about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit :
1 Corinthians 12 verses 1 and 4-11
Page 1277 of the Church Bibles.*

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

What are we talking about ?
*Naming some of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
Slips of paper bearing the names are scattered
through the church.*

Please get one of the scattered papers and unroll it; then turn to a neighbour and read to each other the gifts listed on your pieces of paper.

Now turn to another person and read your paper to them too.

Narrator Thank You, God, for Your gifts to us.

All **Help us to use them in Your service.**

Please keep your pieces of paper – we will be using them later in the service.

HOW CAN WE RECEIVE THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ?

Please stand to sing

Love divine, all loves excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown
Jesu, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.
3. Finish then Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Please sit.

How Solomon received his special gifts from God.

Taken from 1 Kings Chapter 3 verses 5-14 ;

Page 372 of the Church Bibles.

Narrator Thank You, God, for Your gifts to us.

All **Help us to use them to serve You.**

What must we do to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit ?

Questions and answers.

Narrator Please find your pieces of paper and stand facing the front.
Now let us read those papers aloud together to God.

All **The Holy Spirit gives to us gifts such as – (read your paper here !)**

Narrator Thank You, God, for Your gifts to us.

All **Help us to use them to serve You.**

WHAT WE DO WITH THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Please remain standing for the hymn

Bind us together, Lord.

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Please sit for the reading.

St Paul continues, explaining how the gifts work together :

One Body with many parts

1 Corinthians 12 verses 12-26

Page 1278 of the Church Bibles.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The PEOPLE game (*apologies to the BEETLE game*).

All the children (and anyone else) are invited to join in.

Body Parts Committee meeting

Narrator Yes, we do all need each other. We're not made to be alone; God gives us different gifts, but we need all of them to be complete.

Please find your bits of paper again and stand and face the centre aisle.

Please stand.

Narrator Now we read aloud the gifts to the people gathered here, and this time think how your gifts will be helped by some of the other gifts you hear.

All **The Holy Spirit gives to us gifts such as –** (*read your paper here !*)

Narrator Thank You, God, for Your gifts to us.

All **Help us to use them to serve You.**

Please sit.

RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Message

An activity for the children will be available.

Please remain sitting whilst we sing this hymn :

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A Symbolic offering,
followed by prayer.

Together we sing *The Lord's Prayer* :

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
in earth, as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil,
for the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and for
ever.
Amen.**

*Please stand to sing the hymn
– which we shall sing twice.*

For I'm building a people of power

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Please remain standing for the Blessing.

Those taking part :

Names omitted

We invite you to join us for a cuppa in the Hall (behind the church) at the end of this service.

Remaining **Family Service** dates for 2005 :

10am on Sunday September 18th, October 30th

Christmas services :

5pm Sunday December 11th : Carol service and Barbecue;

7pm Saturday December 24th : Christingle service

Please write these dates in your diary now; we would love you to join us !

If anyone would like to take part in any of these services please 'phone (.....) at least two weeks before the date of the service.

Kids' Club for Primary School children meets in the Hall 3:15pm – 4:15pm each Tuesday during term time. All children are welcome.