

## A Service for Pentecost

### Welcome and Acclamation

Come, Holy Spirit; fill us with your presence  
Come, Holy Spirit; inspire our worship.  
Come, Holy Spirit; raise us up by your power.  
Come, Holy Spirit, come amongst us now.

### Song

- 1 Holy Spirit, we welcome You,  
Holy Spirit, we welcome You!  
Move among us with holy fire  
as we lay aside all earthly desire,  
hands reach out and our hearts aspire.  
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,  
Holy Spirit, we welcome You!
  
- 2 Holy Spirit, we welcome You,  
Holy Spirit, we welcome You!  
Let the breeze of Your presence blow  
that Your children here might truly know  
how to move in the Spirit's flow.  
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,  
Holy Spirit, we welcome You!
  
- 3 Holy Spirit, we welcome You,  
Holy Spirit, we welcome You!  
Please accomplish in us today  
some new work of loving grace, we pray -  
unreservedly - have Your way.  
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,  
Holy Spirit, we welcome You!

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## Opening Prayer

Living God

As we wait upon you now,  
As we listen to your word,  
As we worship you in majesty,  
Fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing,  
As we long for your renewing,  
As we long for your equipping,  
As we long for your empowering,  
Fill us with your Spirit.  
Amen.

## The Confession

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world  
and knows our every word and deed.  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord  
and confess our sins in repentance and faith.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

As you fill us with your Spirit may our love for you, Lord  
Jesus, be renewed and deepend.

**Amen.**

The Collect

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

Bible Reading

Psalm.45

My heart is stirred by a noble theme  
as I recite my verses for the king;  
my tongue is the pen of a skilful writer.

<sup>2</sup>You are the most excellent of men  
and your lips have been anointed with grace,  
since God has blessed you forever.

<sup>3</sup>Gird your sword on your side, you mighty one;  
clothe yourself with splendour and majesty.

- <sup>4</sup> In your majesty ride forth victoriously  
in the cause of truth, humility and justice;  
let your right hand achieve awesome deeds.
- <sup>5</sup> Let your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the king's enemies;  
let the nations fall beneath your feet.
- <sup>6</sup> Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;  
a sceptre of justice will be the sceptre of your kingdom.
- <sup>7</sup> You love righteousness and hate wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has set you above your  
companions  
by anointing you with the oil of joy.
- <sup>8</sup> All your robes are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia;  
from palaces adorned with ivory  
the music of the strings makes you glad.
- <sup>9</sup> Daughters of kings are among your honoured women;  
at your right hand is the royal bride in gold of Ophir.
- Listen, daughter, and pay careful attention:  
Forget your people and your father's house.
- <sup>11</sup> Let the king be enthralled by your beauty;  
honour him, for he is your lord.
- <sup>12</sup> The city of Tyre will come with a gift,  
people of wealth will seek your favour.
- <sup>13</sup> All glorious is the princess within her chamber;  
her gown is interwoven with gold.
- <sup>14</sup> In embroidered garments she is led to the king;  
her virgin companions follow her—  
those brought to be with her.
- <sup>15</sup> Led in with joy and gladness,  
they enter the palace of the king.
- <sup>16</sup> Your sons will take the place of your fathers;  
you will make them princes throughout the land.
- <sup>17</sup> I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;  
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

## A Song is Sung

I Abba Father, let me be  
Yours and Yours alone.  
May my will forever be  
Ever more Your own.  
Never let my heart grow cold,  
Never let me go.  
Abba Father, let me be  
Yours and Yours alone.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Reading –

### Acts Chapter 2.1-21, 36-38

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus

and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

<sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>7</sup> “In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’<sup>l</sup>

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

## The Sermon

### *A prayer*

*Father, thank You for choosing us to be part of something so sacred as the bride of Christ. Forgive us for the times when our comfortableness has weakened the Church or our pride divided her. Give us childlike faith to serve as the Church with Holy Spirit power.*

*May the Bride of your Son become attractive, devoted, and renewed in love for him.*

*May we each become consumed with her, all for Your glory. Keep our minds fixed on the battle, courageous and humble. Stir our affections daily so we can be found serving Your Bride faithfully when You return. Amen.*

Based on a prayer by Francis Chan in ‘Letters to the Church’

A song is sung

He brought me to his banqueting table  
(he brought me to his banqueting table),  
he brought me to his banqueting table  
(he brought me to his banqueting table)  
and his banner over me is love.

I am my beloved's and he is mine  
(I am my beloved's and he is mine),  
I am my beloved's and he is mine  
(I am my beloved's and he is mine),  
and his banner over me is love.  
Yes, his banner over me is love.

And we can feel the love of God in this place,  
we believe your goodness, we receive your grace.  
We delight ourselves at your table, O God,  
you do all things well, just look at our lives.

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Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

### The Intercessions and The Lord's Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord our God.

You are our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

We seek to put our trust in you and to do your will, that your kingdom may come in us as it is in heaven

In the name of the Saviour let us pray

Holy Spirit, we ask your blessing on all who seek to proclaim the Good News of your Kingdom.

In these difficult times for your church we pray for preachers of the word and ministers of the sacraments. We give thanks for Kevin, Judith, and Paul but we remember those churches who have no minister at this time and we pray for them.

We pray for all who witness to your presence and power in their daily lives.

We remember those who quietly transform their communities for the better and those who show others your kingdom in their midst.

Lord, your kingdom come  
**In us as it is in heaven**

Holy Spirit, we ask for the gift of discernment in those who influence the lives of others.

We pray for all who are involved in making decisions in our government.

We ask your blessing on all who teach and all who are set up as examples for our young people to follow.

Lord, your kingdom come

**In us as it is in heaven**

Holy Spirit, we give thanks for the great riches you have given us through our homes and loved ones.

May we continue to appreciate the care and attention which has been shown to us.

As we have richly received, so may we share.

As we are loved, so may we love.

We pray for homes where there is tension and a breakdown in relationships.

Lord, your kingdom come

**In us as it is in heaven**

Holy Spirit, we bring before you all whose world has fallen apart this week.

We remember those who have lost loved ones, who have lost the freedom of walking outside, lost employment.

We pray earnestly for them to reach out to you in their pain and know that you are close.

Holy Spirit of unity, we pray for your Church, for its ministry to all the people, for its mission to the world. May the Spirit of Pentecost breathe on us that we may witness to the love you offer. Heal our differences and make us one with you.

**Holy Spirit hear us. Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**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**

## A Final Song

- 1 All over the world the spirit is moving,  
All over the world as the prophet said it would be;  
All over the world there's a mighty revelation  
Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.
- 2 All over this land the Spirit is moving.
- 3 All over the church the Spirit is moving.

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## The Final Prayer of Acclamation

Glory to God,  
whose power, at work among us,  
can do infinitely more  
than all we can ask or conceive;  
to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

*cf Ephesians 3.20,21*