

Welcome to a short time of prayer and reflection to celebrate Pentecost

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen

The Lord be with you

Today we celebrate the birthday of the Church through the revelation of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

As we prepare to hear again, in our own language of God's deeds of power let us open our hearts to renewal by seeking forgiveness and healing for all that impedes the work of the Spirit in our lives.

Be with us, Spirit of God, nothing can separate us from the love of God. Lord have mercy

Breathe on us, breath of God, fill us with your saving power. Christ have mercy.

Speak in us, wisdom of God, bring strength and healing and peace,

Lord have mercy.

May the God of love and power, forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen

Let us pray:

God, who at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

We listen to a reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 2: 1-21

The word of the Lord.

Sermon : see additional attachment

Let us pray for God to fill us with The Spirit

Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we, your Church, 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. We ask that all who work for the common good may receive the wisdom they need. May we be wise to understand your will

Lord come to bless us and fill us with your Spirit

We thank you for the peace of the Holy Spirit. May it fill our hearts, our homes, our nation and our world. Keep us confident in your love, wherever you may call us.

Lord come to bless us and fill us with your Spirit

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow. We hold in our heart those who we know to be suffering today, asking that they may know the comfort of the Spirit

Lord come to bless us and fill us with your Spirit

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to help us see how you have equipped us for the work you have given us, and to honour the gifts you have given others

Lord come to bless us and fill us with your Spirit

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.

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We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit given us by the risen Jesus. We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed in the joy of eternal life

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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. In that unity we pray:

Our Father 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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory. Forever and ever, Amen.

And we pray for God's blessing:

May the Spirit who hovered over the waters when the world was created breathe into you the new life God gives

May the Spirit who overshadowed the Virgin Mary when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in love and service.

May the Spirit who set the Church on fire upon the day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Jesus

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and all who you love and pray for, now and always. Amen

Filled with the Spirit's power let us go on into our day in the light and peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.