

SERVICE ORDER

**Sunday, 28 May
Pentecost**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Lord God,
you taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit.
Fill us with the same Spirit,
so that we may love what is right
and always rejoice in his comfort.
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCE: ACTS 2:21

But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
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INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Holy Spirit, living water

**Holy Spirit, living water, flow in us and set us free.
Cleanse our unbelief and sorrow, wash our eyes and make us see.**

**Holy Spirit, come as wind and blow the dust of death away.
Breathe the gift of life into us, lighten hearts to laugh and play.**

**Holy Spirit, rushing fire, burn with truth and justice here.
Catch our minds alight with passion, perfect love that casts out fear.**

**Holy Spirit, come in silence, wordlessly to heal and bless.
Be the heart that prays within us, fill the void with tenderness.**

**Holy Spirit, blessed Wisdom, teach us all of God's delight.
Offer us the wine of grace and make us children of the Light.**

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CONFESSION

*Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

**Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins,
and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your
punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the
sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be
gracious and merciful to me. Amen.**

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to
die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He
has given the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit.
Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.*

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴ How many are your works, LORD!

In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

*²⁵ There is the sea, vast and spacious,
teeming with creatures beyond number— living things both large and small.*

*²⁶ There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan,
which you formed to frolic there.*

Send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

²⁷ All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

*²⁸ When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.*

*²⁹ When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.*

*³⁰ When you send your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.*

Send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

*³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—*

*³² he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.*

Send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

*³³ I will sing to the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.*

³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.

³⁵ But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more.

Praise the LORD, my soul. Praise the LORD.^[a]

Send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

**Glory to the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever.**

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray for the power of the Holy Spirit.

[silence]

**Almighty and merciful God,
you sent your Holy Spirit at Pentecost,
making the disciples bold to preach the good news.
Send us out with the power of the same Spirit
to spread the fire of your love.**

**We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21 The coming of the Holy Spirit (NIVUK)

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

began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,^[b] ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “‘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. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’^[c]

After the reading
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 The gifts of the Spirit (NIVUK)

³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. ⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another

distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,^[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.^[b] ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. ¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by^[c] one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

After the reading
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in them the fire of your love
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23 Jesus gives his Spirit to the apostles (NIVUK)

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

After the reading
This is the gospel of the LORD.
Praise be to You, O Christ.
Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for giving the Holy Spirit to your disciples.
Fill us with the joy and peace of the Spirit. Amen.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Holy Spirit living Breath of God

**Holy Spirit living Breath of God Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity Holy Spirit breathe new life in me**

**Holy Spirit come abide within May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace Breath of God show Christ in all I do**

**Holy Spirit from creation's birth Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ May be clear for all the world to see**

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SERMON

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or Read and Discuss the Sermon**

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O SPIRIT OF LIFE

O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God, You comfort us in every need,
sent down to us from heaven's high throne,
from God the Father and the Son, O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God..

O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God, make us to love Your holy word.
Your flame of love to us impart, that love for all may fill each heart,
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God, increase our faith in our dear Lord.
Unless Your grace the power should give none can believe in Christ and live,
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God, By Thee our souls to heaven are led.
Make us to fight with valour here, And reign with Thee in glory there,
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

O heiliger Geist, o heiliger Gott asc. Johannes Niedling (1602-1668)
Tr. John Caspar Mattes, 1913 Revised, Hymnal Compilers

OFFERING PRAYER

*Holy God,
may the Spirit you give us
make us more and more like your Son,
loving and self-giving.
Amen.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the church.

Thank you, Holy Father, for sending the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, as our Lord had promised. Pour out your life-giving Spirit on your holy church throughout the world and equip its members with faith in Christ and all the Spirit's other gifts.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

You brought light out of darkness and order out of chaos by your Spirit in the creation of the world. Let your Spirit move over the earth and heal our broken planet and its people. Give wisdom and right judgment to our Prime minister *Anthony Albanese* and Premier *Annastacia Palaszczuk* and to all in authority. Mercifully send rain to any parts

of our country experiencing drought, strengthen the faith of struggling farmers, and give practical help through government and neighbours.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

You sent out your Spirit on the disciples like the rush of a mighty wind and distributed tongues of fire on their heads. Burn out all that is evil in us; consecrate your people for holy service, and raise up more to serve in our church. Sanctify our Bishop (*insert name*) and District Bishop (*insert name*) for their ministries, together with all the pastors and teachers of our District.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

You inspired the disciples with your Spirit to praise your marvelous deeds in many different languages. Unloose the tongues of all your people, so that we may joyfully confess you as our Lord and boldly proclaim our common faith to all the world.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Your Spirit touched the hearts of those who heard the gospel from Peter. Sharpen the consciences of those who hear your word and convince them of its truth, so that they may turn from their sins and be forgiven. Direct our place in your mission so that as the body of Christ together we may bring the water of life to others.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

You gave the Holy Spirit to those who were baptised on the day of Pentecost. Let your Spirit renew the faith of all who have been baptised, so that in public worship we may devote ourselves to the teaching of the apostles, the giving of gifts, the breaking of bread in the Lord's Supper, and the prayer of the church for the world.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Your Spirit sustains the life of all. Open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing with what is good. Heal the sick. Give peace to the dying. And meet the needs of those we personally know to be in want and whom we now name silently in our hearts... (*brief silence*)

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, you united people from many different nations and cultures by your Holy Spirit. Bring together all who have been divided by misunderstanding, hatred, and mistrust, and join us with them and all the angels as we adore you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Let us bless the LORD.
God be praised forevermore.
The LORD bless us and keep us.
The LORD make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.
The LORD look upon us with favour, and give us peace.
Amen!

GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING

May the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and joy.
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WORDS OF SENDING

*Go in peace,
in the Spirit of the Lord.*
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Christ Be Our Light

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people, light for the world to see.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us Your living voice:**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.**

**Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed:**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.**

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone:**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.**

**Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making Your kingdom come:**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.**

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HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading (a): Acts 2:1-21

LHS

- 116 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove * G8
- 117 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
- 119 Come down, O Love divine G8
- 121 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord * G4
- 124 O Holy Spirit, enter Thou * G3
- 128 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God * G5
- 129 Breathe on me, Breath of God G5
- 227 O Spirit of the living God G5
- 229 Revive Thy work, O Lord * G5
- 505 Father, who the light this day G4
- 773 Filled with the Spirit's power G7
- 775 Let every Christian pray G7
- 779 My Lord of light, who made the worlds G8

AT

- 218 Spirit, Spirit of gentleness
- 249 As a dream receive your history
- 264 Spirit of God, you're with me
- 299 Pour it all out, Jesus
- 334 Wa wa wa Emimimo
- 358 Holy Spirit, living water

Second reading (a): 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

LHS

- 121 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* G4
- 194 Thy hand, O God, has guided G3
- 245 Lord of the Church, we humbly pray* G6

AT

- 264 Spirit of God
- 313 Christ be our light
- 388 One body

Gospel (a): John 20:19-23

LHS

- 129 Breathe on me, Breath of God G5
- 504 To Thy temple I repair G5
- 512 Lord, Thy blessing send us* G7

513 Peace to soothe all grief and woe G5

803 Peace with the Father G7

AT

305 Thuma mina

343 Jesus come and stand among us

406 Peace