



AT HOME SERVICE

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Call to worship at Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence! For God has done wondrous things for us.
Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do. For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us afresh. Help us to boldly proclaim the Risen Christ in all that we do. AMEN

Hymn

*Spirit of holiness, wisdom and faithfulness,
wind of the Lord, blowing strongly and free:
strength of our serving and joy of our worshipping
Spirit of God, bring your fulness to me!*

1] You came to interpret and teach us effectively
all that the Saviour has spoken and done;
to glorify Jesus is all your activity
promise and gift of the Father and Son:
Spirit of holiness...

2] You came with your gifts to supply all our poverty,
pouring your love on the church in her need;
you came with your fruit for our growth to maturity,
richly refreshing the souls that you feed:
Spirit of holiness...

3] You came to the world in its pride and futility,
warning of dangers, directing us home;
now with us and in us, we welcome your company;
Spirit of Christ, in his name you have come:
Spirit of holiness...

Christopher Idle (b. 1938)

Prayer

Father God make your presence known to us through our worship, our prayer and the reading of your Word. As we worship today, part of your church throughout this world, fill our hearts with your spirit, encircle us with your love. Make yourself known to us in new ways, challenge us, empower us, Inspire us. We give you thanks for your Spirit of Love that touches hearts and reaches out. We give you thanks for the Spirit of Joy that lifts our soul. We give you thanks for the Spirit of Power. We ask for your forgiveness, Lord, when we forget the power that lies within, and trust instead on our human strength. Remind us of that glorious day when your Spirit transformed the lives of those who hid in fear, into men of power.

Renew our hearts when they have grown cold with flames of fire that others feel the warmth of your love.
In Jesus name we pray. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Reading: Act 2 1-21 The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs - we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

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. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: '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. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'"

Hymn

1] Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.

2] Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours,
to do and to endure.

3] Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
for all eternity. *Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)*

Reflection

What does it mean for us as we seek and pray for the renewing of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost? What does it mean to be renewed and re-filled with the Spirit of God? We might all have different things in mind, but to be drawn into a transformed community of God's love and presence in the unity of the Spirit is something that we should all long for.

St. Paul describes the fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control. The characteristics of a transformed people. The action of the Holy Spirit in the daily lives of Christians is described as, Counsellor, Comforter, Helper, Encourager and Enabler, who quietly works in us and through us every day in the basic activities of our lives and the lives of all Christian people around us. He is there in all his fullness wherever people worship, pray and serve others in the name of Jesus.

When we believe and trust in Jesus, we have that Faith through the Holy Spirit's work in us. The Holy Spirit leads us to turn away from our sinfulness and reassures us of God's forgiveness. He challenges us and urges us to take a good look at ourselves and maybe to leave the old behind and try something new, to go and do things for Christ – things we have never done before or ever imagined ourselves doing. He's the One Who says to us, look up, look away, look to Jesus and let him take control! He helps us to be servants to one another. If we open ourselves to the Spirit, He continues to change our lives whatever our age, helping us to be more patient and forgiving, to seek new beginnings in our relationships with one another and to let the power of God's love have the final say. He is available to us every moment of every day as we face the choices between self-centeredness or being the God-centred people.

The Spirit brings alive the teaching of God's word, the bible. Spirit-filled people speak words that heal, restore, bring joy and build people up instead of tearing them down. Spirit-filled people pass on the love of God to the people living around them by their acts of kindness, mercy and charity.

Let us pray today for God's transforming Spirit to move in us and in our world. His spirit of love instead of hate, His spirit of helpfulness instead of non-cooperation, His spirit of generosity instead of greed.
1 Corinthians 12 3-6

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. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

We proclaim Christ and serve God in the power of The Holy Spirit, together as the Church of Christ in our families and communities to His glory. Amen

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall afresh on me,

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall afresh on me. *Daniel Iverson (1890-1977)*

Prayers

Heavenly Father, I pray for your healing touch upon those suffering in body, mind, or spirit. May Your Spirits comforting presence bring restoration and peace to those we name before you now.....

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for peace in troubled regions of the world. May the power of the Holy spirit guide leaders towards reconciliation and protect the innocent from harm. We pray for all those who take your love into these situations.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Comforting Father, be near those who mourn. Provide comfort in their loss and hope in their despair, reminding them of Your eternal love. We name those known to us.....

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the Church: Eternal Shepherd, guide Your Church in truth and love. Empower us by your Spirit. Guide us as we witness to Your Kingdom, unite all believers in Your purpose.

In the name of Jesus we ask all these prayers.

Hymn

1] O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.

2] O Wind of God, come bend us, break us
till humbly we confess our need
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore, for this we plead.

3] O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.

4] O Heart of Christ, once broken for us,
'tis there we find our strength and rest;
our broken, contrite hearts now solace,
and let your waiting church be blest.

5] Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip your church to spread the light.

Elizabeth Ann Porter Head (1850-1936)

Blessing

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

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