

A Communion Liturgy for Pentecost

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Call to Worship

To a world dry and thirsty
God has poured out Living Water;
To a world fainting and breathless
God has stirred a mighty wind;
To a world cold and dark
**God has ignited the flame
of the Spirit;**
Let us worship for the Spirit has come
The Spirit has come – hallelujah!

Praise and Confession

God of Life and all living things
Your breath fills the universe
and makes it alive.;
**We praise You, O God,
for the gift of Your Spirit**
Your love blows through all creation
and makes it one;
**We praise You, O God,
for the gift of Your Spirit**
Your Presence fills every corner,
Your Voice fills every silence,
and Your heartbeat lives
within every living thing;
**We praise You, O God,
for the gift of Your Spirit**

But, we have failed to value the life
of other people,
other creatures
and the world You have given
to be our home.

Lord, forgive us

We have failed
to recognise the connectedness
of all things,
and have brought pain
through division and exclusion.

Lord, forgive us

We have denied Your Presence,
ignored Your Voice
and forgotten Your love for us

and all that You have made.
Lord, forgive us.

Silent Confession

**Lord we recognise the ways
we have brought pain to You,
to others and to ourselves.
For Jesus' sake we ask You
to breathe new life into us,
wash us clean,
and ignite the fire of love
in our hearts again.
Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God:
**Creator of all that has been made.
The Parent of the whole creation.**
We believe in God:
**Saviour of all that has fallen.
The Restorer of our broken world.**
We believe in God:
**The Life of all that lives.
The Love that binds all things
together in the family of God.
Amen.**

Prayers of Request

Let us invite the Spirit of God to blow
through our lives and our world,
as we lift our needs to God in prayer.
We pray, O God, for all
who have lost faith in themselves,
in others
and especially in You.
**May Your Spirit renew
and inspire them again.**
We pray, O God, for all
who have lost their hope
in what life can become
for themselves and for all people.
**May Your Spirit encourage
and challenge them again.**
We pray, O God, for all
who have lost their ability

to love freely and recklessly.
**May Your Spirit comfort
and soften them again.**

Silent prayers are offered.

**Holy Spirit of God,
Fill the world with Your peace,
Fill the Church with Your purpose,
And fill us with Your power,
For the sake of Your Kingdom. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said together.

The Communion

We celebrate the Spirit of God,
Who hovered over creation
and brought order
out of formlessness.
We praise You, Spirit of God.
We celebrate the Spirit of God,
Who filled Jesus
with power and wisdom
and, through Him, made
the life of God available to all.
We praise You, Spirit of God.
We celebrate the Spirit of God,
Who has been poured out
on all people,
and leads us into the Kingdom of God.
We praise You, Spirit of God.
And so, as we gather at the Lord's table,
we recognise the Spirit's Presence
among us,
and we open our hearts
to the Spirit's influence.
Silence
**Lord, we come knowing that
we depend on You for life
and truth and love.
We come knowing that You
welcome us with open
and accepting arms.
We come ready to meet with You,
and be changed by the encounter.
Amen.**

The Lord Jesus,
on the eve of His crucifixion,
gathered His friends for a meal.
During supper, He took a loaf of bread,
and gave thanks for it.
Then He broke it
and passed it among them
with these words:
**This is my body
which is broken for you.
Take, eat and remember Me.**
After the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine
and gave thanks for it.
Then He passed it among them
with these words:
**This is my blood
which is shed for you.
Take, drink and remember Me.**
So now, we eat and we drink
and we remember Jesus
and His great love for us.
And we will continue to do this
until He returns. Amen.

Communion is received.

Prayers After Receiving

Thank You, Lord Jesus,
For this meal of remembrance;
And for coming to us,
in the Spirit's power,
as we have shared it.
**May the love we find at this table
be reflected in our lives;
May the power we receive at this table
make us peacemakers and healers;
And may the Spirit who fills us again
at this table
lead us to be those
who proclaim God's Kingdom
in every word we speak
and in everything we do.
For Jesus' Sake. Amen.**