

Pentecost

Opening Sentence

Joel 2:28-29

I will pour out my Spirit on all people; your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Opening Responses

O Lord, open our lips:

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God make speed to save us:

O Lord make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Opening Hymn

Prayer of Preparation

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending your Holy Spirit, and made known to every race and nation the way of eternal life; open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days. **Amen.**

Collect for Pentecost

God, who as 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 to 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 for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm

Bible Reading

Address

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

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

Prayers

Ending with:

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you, now and always. **Amen.**

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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 for ever. Amen.

A Song of God's Children (Romans 8)

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death.

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God; for we have received the Spirit that enables us to cry, 'Abba, Father'.

The Spirit himself bears witness that we are children of God and if God's children, then heirs of God;

If heirs of God, then fellow-heirs with Christ; since we suffer with him now, that we may be glorified with him.

These sufferings that we now endure are not worth comparing to the glory that shall be revealed.

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word. May it be a lantern to our feet, a light upon our paths, and a strength to our lives.

Take us and use us to love and serve all people in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

Blessing

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, through the power of the Holy Spirit; and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.