

Pentecost

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The Greeting and Welcome

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Song: You've got to move when the spirit says move! *Played on guitar by Arthur Poole*

1. You've got to move when the Spirit says move,
you've got to move when the Spirit says move,
'cause when the Spirit says move,
you've got to move when the spirit says move.

2. You've got to sing...
3. You've got to clap...
4. You've got to shout...

Words of welcome

First Reading *by Jeremy and Joel*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (chapter 2, verses 1-21)

“When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them. There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, “Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?”

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene; Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; Even Cretans and Arabs!

“They’re speaking our languages, describing God’s mighty works!”

Their heads were spinning; they couldn’t make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: “What’s going on here?” Others joked, “They’re drunk on cheap wine.”

That’s when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: “Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren’t drunk as some of you suspect. They haven’t had time to get drunk—it’s only nine o’clock in the morning.

This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

“In the Last Days,” God says,

“I will pour out my Spirit
on every kind of people:

Your sons will prophesy,

also your daughters;

Your young men will see visions,

your old men dream dreams.

When the time comes,

I’ll pour out my Spirit

On those who serve me, men and
women both, and they’ll prophesy.

I’ll set wonders in the sky above

and signs on the earth below,

Blood and fire and billowing smoke,

the sun turning black and the moon blood-red,

Before the Day of the Lord arrives,

the Day tremendous and marvellous;

And whoever calls out for help

to me, God, will be saved.”

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Song: Shine Jesus Shine by Graham Kendrick. *Played on guitar by Arthur Poole*

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus:

Shine, Jesus, shine

Fill this land with the Father’s glory

Blaze, Spirit, blaze

Set our hearts on fire

Flow, river, flow

Flood the nations with grace and mercy

Send forth your word

Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus

Prayer of Penitence

A time to say sorry to God

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

**All Lord have mercy upon us,
forgive us where we have gone wrong and sinned and
help us to walk from now on in your way.
Amen.**

May the God of love and power bring you back to himself,
forgive you and free you from your sins,
and restore you to newness of life by his Spirit. Amen

The Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come – *read by Jabrien*

Almighty God,
Your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your
Word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen

Second Reading – *read by Jane Mayhew-Smith*

A reading from the epistle of St Paul to the Romans

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

This is the word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God.

Song: I will rise by Chris Tomlin. *Played on guitar by Arthur Poole*

There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say "It is well"

Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead

Chorus:
And I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow, no more pain
I will rise on eagles' wings

*Before my God fall on my knees
And rise, I will rise*

There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear
And my faith shall be my eyes

Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead

Chorus

And I hear the voice of many angels sing
Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of every longing heart
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Chorus

Third Reading *Read by Revd Tuomas*

A reading from 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

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.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by 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.

Intercessions *by Katharine*

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set His seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

The Lord's Prayer – read by families from our Sunday School and Youth Group

Tamil

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name

Welsh

Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done,

Russian

On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Malayalam

Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us

Finnish

Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil

Swedish

For the Kingdom, the power,
And the glory are Yours

English

Now and forever
Amen

Song: All over the world by Roy Turner. *Played on guitar by Arthur Poole*

All Over The World, The Spirit Is Moving
All Over The World As The Prophet Said It Would Be
All Over The World There's A Mighty Revelation
Of The Glory Of The Lord, As The Waters Cover The Sea

All Over His Church God's Spirit Is Moving
All Over His Church As The Prophet Said It Would Be
All Over His Church, There's A Mighty Revelation
Of The Glory Of The Lord, As The Waters Cover The Sea

Right Here In This Place, The Spirit Is Moving
Right Here In This Place As The Prophet Said It Would-Be
Right Here In This Place, There's A Mighty Revelation
Of The Glory Of The Lord, As The Waters Cover The Sea

Blessing

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life He gives.

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

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