



A Liturgy of the Word Pentecost Sunday

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Introductory Rite

Thou Whose Almighty Word

Thou, whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!

Thou, who didst come to bring
On Thy redeeming wing,
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
Oh, now to all mankind
Let there be light!

Spirit of Truth and Love,
Lifegiving, holy Dove,
Speed forth Thy flight;
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!

Lyrics by John Marriott (1780 -1825)



Call to Worship

Spirit of God, we have gathered together in this place to pray....

**Give us faith, that when you come like the wind,
though we do not see you, yet we may hear what you are saying to us
and discern your movement.**

Give us courage, that we may not fear the tongues of flame:
**let all that is unworthy, impure, and sinful be burned from our lives.
May we know that it is love that burns so brightly and love that strips
away our sin.**

Give us an open mind, Lord, that the truth you bring may make its home
with us:

**truth to set us free
truth to guide us and inform us
truth to lead us in the way of your will.**

Give us an open heart, Lord,
**that we may seek all people for your realm,
and set no limits to the proclaiming of your word.**

Holy Spirit, with the whole church we wait for you
in every place and in every generation.

Come, wind.

Come, fire.

Come, truth.

Come, love.

In Jesus name. Amen

By Michael I. Walker, 20th century English minister

Introductory Rite

The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Praise the Lord:

All: Praise God, you servants of the Lord.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All: Blessed be God's Name, now and forever





The Gloria

All: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father. Amen

Collect for Purity

All: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.



The Kyrie

Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele
Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele

Kriste , Kriste hi tsetselele
Kriste , Kriste hi tsetselele

Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele
Hosi, Hosi hi tsetselele



The Penitence

Let us confess our sins

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father
in penitence we confess that we have sinned against you
through our own fault
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your Name.

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you: pardon your sins and set you free from them; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

All: Almighty God,
With wind from heaven and tongues of flame
You poured out your Spirit on the disciples:
Set our hearts on fire with joy and power
And send us out as witnesses
To the wonder of your love;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Word of God

- Acts 2: 1-21
- Psalm 104: 26-46
- 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13
- John 20: 19-23



Pentecost Readings

The Book of The Acts of The Apostles 2: 1-21

Acts 2: 1-6 by **Kevin Adinarain** - English

Acts 2: 7 - 11 by **Anne Viljoen** - Afrikaans

Acts 2: 12 - 16 by **Azande Ntshangase** - iSizulu

Acts 2: 17-18 by **Peggy Manganyi** - Sesotho

Acts 2: 19-21 by **Itumeleng Phalane** - Setswana

Song

Be Still My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to thy God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are
past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.



Text: Katharina von Schlegel, b.1697; trans. by Jane Borthwick, 1813-1897.

Sermon

The Holy Spirit in Lockdown

Reverend Allie Josseph



Affirmation of Faith

All: We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

With confidence let us pray to God, who gave birth to the Church through the gift of the Holy Spirit: Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the worldwide Church, for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and the Diocese of Johannesburg, that strengthened in Christ, and sustained by the Holy Spirit it may lead and respond with compassion to the challenges confronting us during this pandemic. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We Pray for our country and for the world with particular reference to the leaders of governments and institutions charged with giving leadership during this trying time. May your Holy Spirit lead and guide our leaders in every area of their lives. We pray for our president in particular. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for our fellow South Africans who are going into level three of the lockdown on the first of June. We acknowledge the gravity of this decision and share the anxiety that this decision represents. May your Holy Spirit guide and protect us continually. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for parents and children who are facing the option of going back to school, we bring before you all our learners, educators, and administrators. In particular, the grade seven and twelve learners. May your Holy Spirit abide in every one of them and may it reign in their lives bringing them grace upon grace. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**



Prayers of Intercession

We continue to pray for those in the front lines of the response to the Covid19 pandemic. Our medical professionals, law enforcement and other essential services. May your Holy spirit keep them safe, give them the grace that sits by your throne so that they may not grow weary but that their every effort be blessed and multiplied. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray that you pour out your Holy Spirit upon our parish, on every one of our members, may your Holy Spirit renew us and build the unity among us so that we may grow into a spiritual dwelling. Bless all those engaged in ministry and those who support them. May our pastoral life be guided and directed by your Holy Spirit. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Lord God may your Holy Spirit cover us and envelop us in your care and keeping. Make up for the brokenness in our bodies and in our spirit. Draw close to us during this time. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Bless those who mourn the dead, grant eternal life to those who passed away during this time. May we all experience a special share of your Spirit calling us to bring the Good News to the ends of the earth. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We ask all of this in your name God almighty, who give us every good gift and bestowed upon us the most precious gift of the Holy Spirit. Through Christ Our Lord. **Amen**

Blessing for the Offering

God of love and provision, in deep gratitude for life and for all the blessings that come from you, we offer back to you some measure of what we have been given. Accept our offerings and use them and use us for the building up of your kingdom in this world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praise into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us

All **Our Father who art in heaven,**
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

Spirit of Life, breathe new life into us.

We are weary from the events of the world; we are drawing inside and becoming numb because of all the devastation we experience around us.

Breathe new life into us, so that our own spirits may rise again.

Breathe new life into us, so that we may be renewed and restored.

Breathe new life into us, so that we may once again hear Your call to go as healers into a broken world.

Breathe new life into us, so that we may encourage one another.

In the name of Christ, who taught us how to breathe in this world, we pray.

Amen.

Final Blessing

Glory to God whose power, working in us,

can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:

Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church,

and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever;

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,

defend you on every side, and keep you in truth and peace;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

Amen



Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia

All: In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia

Recessional

There is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious lamb of god, Messiah,
Holy one,

Thank you oh my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit,
'til the work on earth is done

Jesus my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious lamb of God, Messiah,
oh, for sinners slain.

Thank you oh my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit,
'til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory,
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King forever,
in that holy place.

Thank you oh my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit,
'til the work on earth is done.



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