



A Liturgy of the Word - Pentecost

Date



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The full service or the sermon can be viewed on the website.



O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.



Author: Charles Wesley (1762)



First Reader (pouring water into a basin):

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
The earth was without form and void,
and darkness was upon the face of the deep;
and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. (Genesis 1: 1-2)

**The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, upon many waters. (Psalm 29: 3)**



Second Reader (with wind chimes):

The wind blows where it chooses,
and you hear the sound of it,
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.

So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. (John 3: 8)

**The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!"** (Psalm 29:9)

Third Reader (pouring soil):

When you send forth your Spirit all living things are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (from Psalm 104:30)

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who live in it.** (Psalm 24:1)

Fourth Reader (with a lighted candle):

I baptize with you water;
but one more powerful than I is coming
who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. (from Luke 3:16)

**The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.** (Psalm 29: 7-8)

Fifth reader: (with a Bible)

Holy Spirit, with the whole church we wait for you in every place and
in every generation. Give us an open mind, Lord, that the truth you
bring may make its home with us:

**Come, wind. Come, fire. Come, truth. Come, love. In the name of Jesus.
Though we do not see you, yet we may hear what you are saying to us
as we gather to worship.**



Alleluia! Christ is risen
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Praise the Lord
Praise God, you servants of the Lord.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessed be God's Name, now and forever



Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

Tlotlo le be ho Molimo
 Ea busang maholimong
 Khotso e be teng lefatsheng
 Ho batho ba lokileng
 Re u boka ka thabo
 Re phehella thorisong
 Gloria! in excelsis Deo!
 Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

Re ntse re u khumamela
 Ka tumelo e phelang
 A re rosiseng Molimo
 Tebohong e sa feleng
 U mohloli e moholo
 Ea busang maholimong
 Gloria! in excelsis Deo!
 Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

Jesu mora oa Molimo
 U konyana e tlosang
 Libe tsa lefatshe lohle
 Re batla ho u rata
 U re hauhele bohle
 Ba llang mona lefatsheng
 Gloria! in excelsis Deo!
 Gloria! in excelsis Deo!



Let us pray.
**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.**



Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison
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Adapted from Romans 8:22-27

We have received life through the Spirit of God compelling us to future glory. In this, we know the Spirit of God intercedes for us and helps us in our weakness.

Together may we confess what the Lord has already heard.

**Spirit of the Living God,
 All nations, tribes, and tongues belong to you.
 All glory, honour, and praise are due your name.
 Therefore, we confess that we have been a divided people—
 Mother from child, brother from sister, neighbour from friend.
 Have mercy on us and send your power upon the church,
 that we may know, once more,
 that you have baptized us in one baptism, one faith,
 one Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
 Tear down the walls of hatred and the towers of sin in our lives.
 May your Spirit descend upon our lives and make us holy and one.
 In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**



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



**Almighty God
 on the day of Pentecost
 you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples
 with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame:
 inspire our hearts and set them on fire
 with his 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**



Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-36
Romans 8:14-17



Song by Junior Church

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

*To see You high and lifted up
Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy



Gospel Reading

John 14:8-17, (25-27)

The Sermon

By Revd Alison Thabethe

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

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

**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.**

**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.**



With confidence let us pray to God, who gave birth to the Church through the gift of the Holy Spirit:

We pray for the worldwide Church, for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and Thabo, our metropolitan; the Diocese of Johannesburg and Steve, our bishop that strengthened in Christ and sustained by the Holy Spirit, it may lead and respond with compassion to the challenges confronting us during this time.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for our country and for the world, particularly leaders of governments and institutions charged with giving leadership during this trying time. God of mercy and compassion, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East, in Ukraine: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis; that violent encounters may be replaced by peace and justice for all.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Empower with your Spirit, Lord, those who serve our parish— our clergy, our administrative staff, the ground staff, Parish Ministers, Children's Ministry Teachers, Teen and Youth Leaders all men and women of this church, young and old, in ministries of charity and service that build up this holy place. May they be the hands and feet, eyes and voice of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for our church communities and our families. Lord, lead us to be peace-makers, building connections between individuals, focusing on what unites people while acknowledging our differences. Lord, forgive us for the divisions and bitterness which we have created in our homes and families, with friends and colleagues at work. Enable us to always seek a fresh start and give us the power of your Spirit to use opportunities to build up and make new the bonds between people.

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. 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**

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Risen Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**



At Pentecost, God poured out gifts of the Spirit upon the church,
to equip Christ's followers to bear witness to him throughout the world.
We offer our gifts and our lives to God:
Spirit of grace and power, bless the gifts we offer so that
they may accomplish surprising things in Jesus' name.
Bless our lives, too, so that our words and actions may bear witness to
Jesus' love and mercy each and every day. **Amen**



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

**Our Father which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the Kingdom
And all the power and the glory, forever. Amen**



**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.**



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



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia



Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take;
proclaim Christ Jesus, saviour, Lord, and king,
that all the world his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!
go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and king for evermore.



Author: James Seddon (1915 - 1983)



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