



## Morning Worship for Pentecost

Welcome

***We gather together***

The Lord is here

**His Spirit is with us**

**Prayer of Preparation**

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord

We have walked with him through his journey of love.

We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross.

We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death.

We have enjoyed his risen presence with us

and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread.

We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow

and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord.

And now, with the followers of his own time,

we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

As we wait in silence,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we listen to your word,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we worship you in majesty,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your refreshing,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

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As we long for your equipping,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering,

fill us with your Spirit.

## **First Song: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord**

### **Invitation to Confession**

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.

Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,

all slander and malice

and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

*A moment of silence may follow*

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.**

### **The Absolution**

May the God of love and power

forgive and free you from your sins,

heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,

and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen

### **The Gloria**

*to the tune of 'Ode to Joy'*

Glory be to God in heaven,

peace to those who love him well;

on the earth let all his people

speak his grace, his wonders tell.

Lord, we praise you for your glory,

mighty Father, heaven's king;

hear our joyful adoration

and accept the thanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father,

Lamb who takes our sin away,

now with him in triumph seated -

for your mercy, Lord, we pray:  
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,  
Saviour, you are God alone  
in the glory of the Father  
with the Spirit; Three-in-One!

### **The Collect (a special prayer for the day)**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Bible Reading**

**Gospel reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come,  
the Almighty. **Alleluia.**

### **Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to John**

*At the end the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Talk**

**We Sing the Creed - This I Believe**

**Time of Prayer**

Loving God,  
We ask for the gift of your Holy Spirit  
to help us pray as we ought.  
Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

We ask for the energy and vision of your Spirit  
for those who are tiring in the battle against injustice and oppression:  
for those exhausted by the struggle with poverty and hunger.  
Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

We ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit  
for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain;  
for those whose lives are darkened by sorrow or bereavement.  
Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

We ask for the peace and joy of your Spirit  
for those living in the shadow of war and violence;  
for those eaten up by guilt and anxiety  
and whose Christian life has become hard and dry.  
Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

We ask for the guidance and strength of your Spirit  
for those uncertain how to use their time, talents and gifts;  
for those tempted to do what is wrong.  
Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

We ask for the love and courage of your Spirit  
for those reaching out to comfort the distressed;  
for those reaching out to others with the Good News of Christ.  
Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

Loving God,  
We ask for the assurance of your Spirit  
to know your presence with us in our daily lives:  
in our relationships;  
in our work and service;  
in our worship;  
in our times of joy and pain.  
Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

In Jesus' name  
**Amen**

*Prayers taken from the Church of Scotland's 'Starters for Sunday' site.*

We pray together:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Prayer for Personal Renewal**

Be with us, Spirit of God;  
**nothing can separate us from your love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God;  
**fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

**bring strength, healing, and peace.**

*Normally at this point in the service we would all receive anointing with Holy Oil, for obvious reasons that isn't possible at the moment but instead we are going to take a moment of reflection as we listen to our next song and receive God's strength, healing and peace.*

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### **Prayers of Commissioning**

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us. As part of God's Church, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

**By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

**We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

**We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

**We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

**We will.**

### **Notices**

**Final Song: Shine Jesus Shine**

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### **The Blessing**

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you  
and guide you on your way at every change and turn;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Be with you this day and always.

**Amen**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

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