

Pentecost Liturgy



St Paul's

Invitation to Worship

To a world dry and thirsty:
God has poured out Living Water.

To a world fainting and breathless:
God has stirred a mighty wind.

To a world cold and dark:
God has ignited the flame of the Spirit.

Let us worship for the Spirit has come:
The Spirit has come – Hallelujah!

Praise and Confession

God of Life and all living things;
Your breath fills the universe and makes it alive.
We praise You, O God, for the gift of Your Spirit.

Your love blows through all creation and makes it one.
We praise You, O God, for the gift of Your Spirit.

Your Presence fills every corner, Your Voice fills every silence,
and Your heartbeat lives within every living thing.
We praise You, O God, for the gift of Your Spirit.

But, we have failed to value the life of other people,
other creatures and the world You have given to be our home.
Lord, forgive us.

We have failed to recognise the connectedness of all things,
and have brought pain through division and exclusion.
Lord, forgive us.

We have denied Your Presence, ignored Your Voice,
and forgotten Your love for us and all that You have made.
Lord, forgive us.

Silence

**Lord we recognise the ways we have brought pain to You,
to others and to ourselves.**

**For Jesus' sake we ask You to breathe new life into us,
wash us clean, and ignite the fire of love in our hearts once again.
Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God: Creator of all that has been made.
The Parent of the whole creation.**

**We believe in God: Saviour of all that has fallen.
The Restorer of our broken world.**

**We believe in God: The Life of all that lives.
The Love that binds all things together in the family of God.
Amen.**

Communion

We celebrate the Spirit of God, who hovered over creation,
and brought order out of formlessness.

We praise You, Spirit of God.

We celebrate the Spirit of God, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and,
through Him, made the life of God available to all.

We praise You, Spirit of God.

We celebrate the Spirit of God, who has been poured out on all people,
and leads us into the Kingdom of God.

We praise You, Spirit of God.

And so, as we gather at the Lord's table, we recognise the
Spirit's Presence among us, and we open our hearts to the Spirit's influence.

Lord, we come knowing that we depend on You for life and truth and love.

We come knowing that You welcome us with open and accepting arms.

We come ready to meet with you, and be changed by the encounter.

Amen.

The Lord Jesus, on the eve of His crucifixion, gathered His friends for a meal.

During supper, He took a loaf of bread, and gave thanks for it.

Then He broke it and passed it among them with these words:

This is my body which is broken for you. Take, eat and remember Me.

After the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine and gave thanks for it.
Then He passed it among them with these words:
This is my blood which is shed for you.
Take, drink and remember Me.

So now, we eat and we drink, and we remember Jesus and His great love for us.
And we will continue to do this until He returns. Amen.

**Thank You, Lord Jesus, for this meal of remembrance;
And for coming to us, in the Spirit's power, as we have shared it.**

**May the love we find at this table be reflected in our lives.
May the power we receive at this table make us peacemakers and healers.
And may the Spirit who fills us again at this table, lead us to be those who
proclaim God's Kingdom in every word we speak, and in everything we do.
For Jesus' Sake.
Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in Heaven, holy be your name,
Your kingdom come and your will be done,
On Earth as it is 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 forever,
Amen.**

The Blessing

The Peace

