Pentecost Service

Welcome:

O Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Send your holy Spirit upon us

**And clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia.**

Today is Pentecost Sunday when traditionally churches from all denominations have gathered together to worship God and express their unity in Christ. This year we cannot do that but our worship is no less one in Spirit, our unity is no less real and desire to receive Holy Spirit in power no less expectant, and so we pray

Blessed are you, creator God,

To you be praise and glory for ever.

As you poured out your Spirit

upon the gathered disciples at Pentecost

that they might proclaim the gospel to all nations

So fill us with your Spirit today

That, by your grace, we may live as children of light

And announce the coming of your kingdom

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Opening hymn: Holy Spirit, we welcome You

Holy Spirit, we welcome You,

Holy Spirit, we welcome You!

Move among us with holy fire

As we lay aside all earthly desire,

Hands reach out and our hearts aspire.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,

Holy Spirit, we welcome You!

Holy Spirit, we welcome You,

Holy Spirit, we welcome You!

Let the breeze of Your presence blow

That Your children here might truly know

How to move in the Spirit’s flow:

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,

Holy Spirit, we welcome You!

Holy Spirit, we welcome You,

Holy Spirit, we welcome You!

Please accomplish in us today

Some new work of loving grace, we pray –

Unreservedly – have Your way.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,

Holy Spirit, we welcome You!

Confession:

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed.

Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly father,**

**We have sinned against you**

**and against our neighbour**

**in thought and word and deed,**

**through negligence, through weakness,**

**through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**Who died for us,**

**Forgive us all that is past**

**And grant that we may serve you in newness of life**

**To the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God who forgives all who truly repent

Have mercy on us,

Pardon and deliver us from all our sins,

Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness

And keep us in eternal life;

Through Jess Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading: Acts 2:1-21

God Goes Global:

Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ

Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,

You are one with us, Mary’s son;

Cleansing our souls from all their sin,

Pouring Your love and goodness in:

Jesus, our love for You we sing –

Living Lord!

Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day

Teach us how to pray, Son of God;

You have commanded us to do

This in remembrance Lord of You:

Into our lives Your power breaks through –

Living Lord!

Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us

Born as one of us, Mary’s son;

Let out to die on Calvary,

Risen from death to set us free:

Living Lord Jesus, help us see

You are Lord!

Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to You,

Live my life for You, Son of God;

All Your commands I know are true,

Your many gifts will make me new;

Into my life Your power breaks through –

Living Lord!

Reading: Acts 2:25-39

Address:

Prayers:

In our prayers the response to ‘Father of all,’ is **Hear your children’s prayer**

Let us pray to God, our heavenly father.

Father of all

**Hear your children’s prayer**

Sovereign Lord,

Your Son has revealed you as our heavenly Father,

From whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

Father of all

**Hear your children’s prayer**

You have made your church a spiritual family,

A household of faith.

Through baptism we are reborn as the brothers and sisters of Christ.

Deepen our unity and fellowship in him.

Father of all

**Hear your children’s prayer**

You sent your Son to give his life

As a ransom for the whole human family.

Give justice, peace and racial harmony to the world He died to save.

Father of all

**Hear your children’s prayer**

You gave your Son a share in the life of a family in Nazareth.

Help us to value our families, to be thankful for them,

And to live sensitively within them.

Father of all

**Hear your children’s prayer**

Your Son drew around him a company of friends.

Bring love and joy to all who are alone.

Help us all to grow and flourish as brothers and sisters in Christ’s loving family.

Father of all

**Hear your children’s prayer**

Your Son tended the sick and comforted those in mourning

Give hope and peace to those who are grieving,

And bring healing to those who are sick in mind and in body.

Father of all

**Hear your children’s prayer**

We draw our prayers to a close with the prayer our Lord taught us:

**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 those who 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.**

Closing Hymn: Love divine

Love divine, all loves excelling,

Joy of heaven to earth come down:

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,

All Thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, Thou art all compassion,

Pure, unbounded love, Thou art;

Visit us with Thy salvation,

Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit

Into every troubled breast;

Let us all in Thee inherit,

Let us find Thy promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning,

Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning,

Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver,

Let us all Thy grace receive;

Suddenly return, and never,

Never more Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,

Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,

Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,

Glory in Thy perfect love

Finish then Thy new creation:

Pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see Thy great salvation,

Perfectly restored in Thee:

Changed from glory into glory,

Till in heaven we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before Thee,

Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Blessing:

Eternal God, giver of love and power,

Your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world

To preach the gospel of his kingdom:

Confirm us in this mission,

And help us to live the good news we proclaim;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Be with you this day and for ever more. **Amen.**