

EVENING SONG AND PRAYER SERVICE for PENTECOST

“Come, Holy Spirit”

A visual environment for Pentecost might include bright yellow, orange and red cloths scattered across a table on which are placed clusters of lighted white candles.

Gathering

- Prelude “Come, Holy Spirit” (*Hymnal Subscription Service #922*
–this song may be sung by a small ensemble)
- Call to worship **ALL Come, Holy Spirit.**
Left Come as Holy Fire and burn in us.
Right Come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within.
Left Come as Holy Light and lead us in our darkness.
Right Come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance.
Left Come as Holy Power and overcome our weakness.
Right Come as Holy Life and dwell in us.
ALL Come, Holy Spirit.
Abide with us this night that our joy may be full.
AMEN. (*adapted from HWB #762*)
- Evening hymn “All praise to thee, my God” (*HWB #658*)
- Psalm reading Psalm 104:1-4; 10-15; 24, 27-30; 31-34, 35b;
with a sung response at the conclusion of each stanza:
“Celtic Alleluia” (*HSS #943*)
- Opening prayer
Leader Gracious God, God of power and might:
when you sent forth your Spirit,
we were created;
when we falter,
you recreate us.
We give you thanks for life and breath.
We praise you for your indwelling presence.

Come now, Holy Spirit, Breath of God,
blow upon us tonight;
take away the chaos and tiredness of our lives.
Move within us.
Renew us, we pray,
in the name of Jesus, our risen Lord. AMEN
- Silence

Hearing the Word

- Hymn “Veni Sancte Spiritus” (*HWB #298*)
- Old Testament reading Joel 2:21-29
- Hymn “Like the murmur of the dove’s song” (*HWB #229*)
- Gospel reading John 20:19-23
- Hymns “Away with our fears” (*HWB #292*)
“God sends us the Spirit” (*HWB #293*)

Responding in Prayer

- Epistle reading Romans 8:26-27

Prayers of intercession with sung response, "If you believe and I believe" (HSS #923)

Leader

Holy God,

You have taught us to bring our requests to you
and so we name our petitions and intercessions,
asking your Holy Spirit to intercede for us
according to your will.

(song: "If you believe and I believe")

We pray for the peace of the world,
that respect and generosity might increase,
that oppression and vengeance might be overcome;

We pray for the leaders of nations
that they may serve with integrity and justice.

Send your Holy Spirit, O God,
and bring peace in our world ...

*(free prayers of intercession are offered, concluding with song,
"If you believe and I believe")*

We pray for your church in places far away and near at hand:
that pastoral leaders may be sustained

and find joy in ministry;
that missionaries and MCC workers may serve
with compassion,

that Christians everywhere may be joined
in love and unity.

Send your Holy Spirit, O God,
and renew your church ...

(free prayers of intercession, concluding with song)

We pray for all who suffer:

those in poverty and need,
families struggling with broken relationships,
the sick and grieving and emotionally disturbed,
those whose hope is almost gone.

Send your Holy Spirit, O God,
to comfort all who suffer ...

(free prayers of intercession, concluding with song)

We give thanks for your faithfulness, O God,
and commend into your loving care

all those for whom we pray;

Set us free by the power of your Holy Spirit
to live and love and serve in your name. AMEN

The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father, who art in heaven" (HWB #554)

Silent prayers around the cross

Traditionally in Christian worship, kneeling in prayer has been omitted during Eastertide (after Pentecost, the congregation may resume kneeling); thus for these Pentecost prayers around the cross, participants may stand to pray for the Spirit's presence and power to fill the world. The song "Dona nobis pacem domine" (HWB #294) is sung during these prayers as people come and go.

Sending

Blessing

(words of blessing are spoken to all)

Hymn of sending

"New earth, heavens new" (HWB, #299)

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