

### **The Collect**

**All** 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.

### **The Conclusion**

#### **Bearing the Light of the Gospel**

With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit. Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer. Amid the birth pangs of the new creation the way of light is made known.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

**Act of Commitment** *All are invited to light a candle as we respond*

We are all called to live out what we proclaim. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will we trust God to be our guide? **We will.**

Will we love all our sisters and brothers in Christ? **We will.**

Will we share our resources with all in need? **We will.**

Will we work and pray for justice near at hand and far away? **We will.**

Will we carry the light of Christ in both word and deed? **We will.**  
May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love

**All Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

May the power of the Spirit challenge us.

May the peace of the Spirit comfort us.

May the presence of the Spirit enable us to live in love and service in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

**Hymn** Lord the Light of your love is shining <https://youtu.be/rce9UHYZwl4>

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## **Evening Prayer**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020**

### **Gathering Music**

Veni Sancte Spiritus Come, Holy Spirit

Taize Community Choir

<https://youtu.be/tG95MEZD2fl>

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit to empower the church to fulfill the mission entrusted into her care by Christ.

### **Greeting**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Today is the birthday of the church.

**Alleluia.**

Today the gospel of Christ is proclaimed to all nations.

**Alleluia.**

Today the Spirit's fire is kindled on the earth and the breath of God renews the life of all creation.

**Alleluia.**

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

**Alleluia.**

### **Blessing of Light**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, to you be praise and glory for ever. Your Spirit swept over the face of the waters to bring light and life to all creation. In fulfilment of the promise of our ascending Saviour your people are clothed with power from on high. Inspired by the same Spirit your disciples are bold to announce the good news of salvation. Crowned with the riches of your grace, may we, the first fruits of your new creation, bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, and reveal your glory in all the world. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

### **Hymn**

Come down O Love Divine <https://youtu.be/zXO4rqBQOAU>

### **Introduction**

As the Holy Spirit is poured out on all flesh let us pray for world over which Christ reigns, for the church on which Christ breathes the Holy Spirit and for the unity and mission of all who profess One Lord, One Faith and One Baptism. Let us pray for all who need the peace of the suffering and glorified Christ, in their sickness, in anxiety or loneliness, in their darkness or grief.

**All 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.**

**Reading** Acts 2:1-13

**Song** Spirit of the Living God <https://youtu.be/ShhUWVKZnEk>

**Reading** Acts 2: 14-21

**Song** O Breath of Life <https://youtu.be/rKzIBwFe6uE>

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,  
Revive Your church with life and power.  
O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us,  
And fit Your church to meet this hour.

O Breath of love, come breathe within,  
Renewing thought and will and heart;  
Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win,  
Revive Your church in every part.

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
Till humbly we confess our need;  
Then in Your tenderness remake us,  
Revive, restore, for this we plead.

Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating  
While harvest fields are vast and ripe?  
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,  
Equip Your church to spread the light.

### **Prayers**

Let us pray that God will fill us with his Spirit.

Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

Father in the name of Jesus.

**Send the Holy Spirit.**

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

Father in the name of Jesus.

**Send the Holy Spirit.**

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us.

Father in the name of Jesus.

**Send the Holy Spirit.**

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow.

In a moment of silence we bring to you those known to us.....

Father in the name of Jesus.

**Send the Holy Spirit.**

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.

Father in the name of Jesus.

**Send the Holy Spirit.**

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.

Father in the name of Jesus.

**Send the Holy Spirit.**

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit, given us by the risen Lord. We ask you to keep the whole Church, in the joy of eternal life.

Father in the name of Jesus.

**Send the Holy Spirit.**

Generous God, you poured out your Holy Spirit on your beloved Son at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples at Pentecost: In your mercy fill us with your Spirit, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever.

**Amen.**

Merciful Father,

**All Accept these prayers for the sake of your son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**