

Service for Sunday of Pentecost 22<sup>nd</sup> may 2021

### **Call to Worship for Pentecost**

God of wind and fire, **When you send your Spirit, we are created anew.** God of mighty oceans and still waters, **When we receive your baptism, we are born anew.** God of bread and wine, **When we eat at your table, we are nourished anew.** So pour out your Spirit **Let sacred waters flow** Fill us with holy food. **May our hearts and our hands be open wide to receive your gifts of life. Amen.**

~ written by Joanna Harader

Hymn MP 67. Breathe on me breath of God (tune Carlisle)

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love the way you love,  
and do what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with yours,  
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with you the perfect life  
for all eternity.

Prayer and Lord's prayer.

Acts 2:1-20 The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. <sup>5</sup>Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup>Utterly amazed, they

asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia<sup>b</sup> <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup>(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” <sup>12</sup>Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” <sup>14</sup>Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup>These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. <sup>19</sup>I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. <sup>20</sup>The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

John 15:26-27 - John 16:4-15

The Work of the Holy Spirit

<sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. <sup>27</sup>And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

John 16:4-15 <sup>4</sup>I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, <sup>5</sup>but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. <sup>7</sup>But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because people do not believe in

me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. <sup>12</sup>“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup>But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup>All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

Hymns 612 and 613 Spirit of the living God

612 Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.

Fill me anew, fill me anew. Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.

613 Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.

Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me. Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.

**Sermon.**

**Prayers of intercession**

Hymn MP 673 There is a Redeemer:

Jesus God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
all for sinners slain.

*Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

When I stand in glory,  
I will see His face,  
and there I'll serve my King forever,  
in that holy place.

*Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

## **Benediction**