**NAME OF CHURCH**



**Pentecost Service**

***DATE***

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The Gathering

*Welcome to NAME OF LOCATION, as we join together to worship God.*

*Suggestions have been made about when to sit or stand at different points during the service, if you are able. However, please do what helps you to enter into the worship of God.*

*Please stand.*

Opening**Hymn**

*ADD HYMN NUMBER OR LYRICS  
(Suggestion: ‘Come down O Love divine’ or ‘Jesus is Lord’)*

**Welcome and Introduction**

In the name of the Father,

and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

***All* Amen**

The Lord be with you.

***All* And also with you.**

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked with him through his journey of love.  
We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross.  
We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death.  
We have enjoyed his risen presence with us   
and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread.  
We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord.

And now, with the followers of his own time,  
we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

**The Responsary**

As we wait in silence,

***All* make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we listen to your word,

***All* make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we worship you in majesty,

***All* make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your refreshing,

***All* make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your renewing,

***All* make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your equipping,

***All* make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering,

***All* make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

**The Collect**

Let us pray.

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people

by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:

grant us by the same Spirit

to have a right judgement in all things

and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;

through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

***All* Amen.**

**Hymn**

*ADD HYMN NUMBER OR LYRICS  
(Suggestion: ‘Be still, for the presence of the Lord’ or ‘Holy Spirit, living breath of God’)*

**Pentecost**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ *(Acts 2.1-13)*

This is the Word of the Lord.

***All* Thanks be to God.**

**The Prayers of Intercession**

We pray for God to 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.

Lord, come to bless us

*All*    and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

Lord, come to bless us

*All*    and fill us with your 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.

Lord, come to bless us

*All*    and fill us with your 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.

Lord, come to bless us

*All*    and fill us with your 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.

Lord, come to bless us

*All*    and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.

Lord, come to bless us

*All*    and fill us with your 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, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life.

Lord, come to bless us

*All*    and fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God,

you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan,

and upon the disciples in the upper room:

in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,

*All*    hear our prayer,

and make us one in heart and mind

to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

We invite you to join in the prayer   
that Jesus’ taught his disciples: *(either version can be used)*

***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.**

**The Peace**

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.

*(cf 2 Corinthians 1.22)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***All* And also with you.**

*We share the peace of Christ with those around us,*

**Hymn**

*ADD HYMN NUMBER OR LYRICS  
(Suggestion: ‘Thou who camest from above’ or ‘The Spirit lives to set us free’)*

*The minister goes to the Easter Candle.*

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.  
 With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.  
 Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.  
 Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word;  
 the young receive visions, the old receive dreams.  
 With the new wine of the Spirit  
 they proclaim your reign of love.  
 Amid the birth pangs of the new creation  
 the way of light is made known.  
 Source of freedom, giver of life,  
 blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All*   Blessed be God for ever.

*Each member of the congregation is given a candle which is lit, during which we sing (suggestions ‘There is a Redeemer’ or Send forth your Spirit, Lord)*

**Commission**

*When all the candles are lit the minister says*

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God’s mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God’s Church here in the Benefice of *N*, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit,   
will you dare to walk into God’s future,   
trusting him to be your guide?

*All*   By the Spirit’s power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

*All*    By the Spirit’s power, we will.

Will you dare to share your riches in common   
 and minister to each other in need?

*All*    By the Spirit’s power, we will.

Will you dare to pray for each other   
 until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

*All*    By the Spirit’s power, we will.

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world’s dark places?

*All*  By the Spirit’s power, we will.

*The Easter Candle is extinguished.*

**Final Hymn**

*ADD HYMN NUMBER OR LYRICS  
(Suggestion: ‘Shine Jesus Shine or ‘The Spirit lives to set us free’)*

**The Dismissal**

*We stand together and listen to these words of blessing.*

The Lord is here.

***All* His Spirit is with us.**

Today we have remembered the coming of God’s power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

Filled with the Spirit’s power,  
 go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
***All* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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