



## Sharing the Feast of Life at Pentecost

*Introductory music, followed by welcome by ministry team member*

### **Introduction and Opening Chant**

Holy Beloved, you call us into your presence and fold us into your gentle embrace.

**Holy Beloved, hold us close to you.**

In your embrace we receive and give love.

**Your Spirit takes us beyond ourselves as we raise our voices in song:**

Come, Holy Spirit, **Come, Holy Spirit ...**

Come, Holy Spirit, **Come, Holy Spirit ...**

Maranatha, **Maranatha ...**

Come, Lord, come, **Come, Lord, come ...**

### **Gathering**

God says: I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

**The Spirit has come. Alleluia!**

Christ says: I will ask the Father and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever.

**The Spirit has come. Alleluia!**

O Holy Spirit, gentle as a dove,  
burning as fire, powerful as the wind,  
**you have come. Alleluia!**

*Opening hymn*

### **Prayer of Reconciliation**

We acknowledge the pain and hurt of our world, and our part in that pain, and we seek to know God's forgiveness and healing:

**O God, you have searched us out and known us, and all that we are is open to you.**

**We confess that we have sinned:  
we have used our power to dominate  
and our weakness to manipulate;  
we have evaded responsibility  
and failed to confront evil;  
we have denied dignity to ourselves  
and to our sisters and brothers,  
and have fallen into despair.**

*2-minute silence, begun & ended by the sounding of a bell*

We say together:

**We turn to you, O God:**

**we renounce evil;**

**we claim your love;**

**we choose to be made whole.**

### **Absolution**

God blesses us with the Spirit of truth and love:  
open your hearts afresh to the Spirit  
and walk in the light. **Amen.**

### **The Gloria**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

*[Glory to God in the highest!]*

## Prayer for the Day

*... after which the president sends the children out to Kids' Church, accompanied by a member of the adult congregation carrying the Kids' Church lamp.*

## Ministry of the Word

### **First reading**

*At the end of the first reading the reader says:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Gradual hymn*

### **The Gospel**

*Before the Gospel reading the reader says:*

The Gospel reading is from ...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the Gospel reading the reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon or other reflection

*5-minute silence, begun & ended by the sounding of a bell*

## **Affirmation of Faith** *(usual tune: 'Ode to Joy')*

**We believe in God the Father,  
God almighty, by whose plan  
earth and heaven sprang to being,  
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary  
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven's king to rule and reign,  
to the Father's side ascended  
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
saints of God in one communion,  
one in holiness and love.**

**So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows no end.**

## Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession

### **The Peace**

*We sing:*

**As-salaam aleikum! Aleikum as-salaam!**

**Shalom, shalom, alechem shalom!**

**Christ's peace begin with me!**

*We continue singing as the children return and bring up the bread and wine for the celebrant.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We share the Peace with one another, and then gather around the altar.*

## **The Preparation of the Gifts**

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer,  
at your table we present this money,  
symbolic of all our giving,  
and of the work you have given us to do:  
use it, use us, in the service of your world  
to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

*The minister thanks God for the bread and wine and for ourselves. At the end of each prayer we say together:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **Thanksgiving Prayer**

The Spirit of the Lord is with us:

**And with all creation.**

Let us praise our creator:

**And give thanks for the wonderful earth.**

Let us sing a song of praise with the whole creation:

**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.**

*We sing: Hallelujah! [x4]*

*The minister offers our thanks and praise, finishing with:*

We sing together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of heaven and earth adored,  
Ceasing never, God for ever,  
Holy, holy Lord.**

*The minister says the words of institution, finishing with these or similar words:*

Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.

*We sing:*

**He is Lord, he is Lord,  
he is risen from the dead and he is Lord.  
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess,  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

**He is Love, he is Love,  
he is risen from the dead and he is Love.  
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess,  
that Jesus Christ is Love.**

We say together:

**Come, Holy Spirit,  
burning as a flame, gentle as a dove:  
may we who receive these gifts  
live lives of justice, love, and prayer,  
and be a voice for those who are not heard.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

O God in heaven,

**Mother and Father of us all,  
hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

## **Fourfold Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread ... [x4]

The bread we break  
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,  
for we all share the one bread.**

## Jesus, Lamb of God

*We sing:*

**Jesus, Lamb of God:**

**have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins:**

**have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world:**

**give us your peace.**

## Invitation

This is the table of the heavenly feast,  
the joyful celebration of the people of God.  
Christ invites everyone to eat the bread of life  
and to drink the cup of blessing.

## The Communion

*Each person receives, responding **Amen** to the words of the minister:*

The body of Christ, the bread of life: **Amen**

The blood of Christ, the cup of blessing: **Amen**

*After receiving, anyone who wishes may go to receive prayer for healing and then return to the circle (or to their seat).*

*We remain standing around the altar until everyone has received communion, and then return to our seats. We wait in silence (or singing a suitable chant) until the prayers for healing are finished.*

## Prayer after Communion

**Breathe on us, O God,**

**that we may bring peace,**

**calming a troubled and wounded world.**

**Breathe on us, O God,**

**that we may spring from death to life**

**and live eternally.**

**Breathe on us, O God:**

**our feet will dance, our spirits will soar.**

**Amen.**

## Notices

*Before we sing the **final hymn**, Kids' Church and the adult congregation may share what they have been doing.*

## Blessing

Go now in the power of the Holy Spirit:

Love Christ and do the things he has done;

dream dreams, pursue visions,

and speak of God's wonders

in the words that the Spirit will give you.

And may God give us the Spirit of Truth for ever;

may Christ Jesus fill us with light and love;

and may the Holy Spirit bear witness within us

to the hope and peace that are ours in Christ.

**Amen.**

## Dismissal

The Spirit of God lives in us!

**Thanks be to God.**