

Help us to join with your comforting of the sad, healing of the sick, welcoming of strangers, and forgiving of sins.

Fill us with Life anew.

Send your Spirit so that this world should not perish but live.

Breathe on us Breath of God.

Spirit of the new creation break into the here and now bringing foretastes of the age to come when all things are made new, and creation is set free from the powers of death.

Breathe on us breath of God.

Spirit of God renew the face of the earth.

Fill us with life anew.

Give us hearts of flesh for hearts of stone,

that we may love as you would love

and do what you would do

Amen

Hymn: Breathe on me Breath of God.

Blessing

God be in our heads and in our understanding,

God be in our eyes and in our looking.

God be in our mouths and in our speaking.

God be in our hearts and in our thinking.

God be in our end and in our departing.

And the Blessings of God,

Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer be upon us and remain with us always.

Amen.

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Opening Responses

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 forever.

The Spirit has come. Alleluia!

Come Holy Spirit, gentle as a dove,

Burning as fire,

Powerful as the wind.

The Spirit has come. Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

God of Pentecost,

Kindle in us a love for the wild beauty of the creation of God.

Fan the flame of passion for community.

Heat us to white hot with yearning

for culture to be transformed,

And people to know the God

who breathed life into them

and the world they walk upon.

Spark in us a fire which rages,

with all consuming heat

against injustice, oppression and evil.

Set alight in us the love of the Christ,

who continues to walk in the world,

empowering us to be faithful gospel bearers

today and always

Amen.

Hymn: Come Down O Love Divine

Prayer of Confession

God, we thank you for your Spirit breaking down barriers within and without.

Barriers that distort our ability to lead a life fully integrated with you and your ways.

Forgive us for the times we have deliberately resisted the Spirit's work.

Life giving Spirit, God's advocate and guide, have mercy on us.

Forgive us God for the barriers

we create within ourselves,

Barriers that resist your healing work and prevent us moving toward wholeness.

Forgive our self-centeredness, our anger, our fear of change, our lack of trust in your love.

Life giving Spirit, God's advocate and guide, have mercy on us.

Forgive us God, for the barriers we create between us and you,

Barriers that separate us from your love and the assurance of your salvation.

Forgive our busyness, our independence, our desire to go our own way.

Life giving Spirit, God's advocate and guide, have mercy on us.

Forgive us God, for the barriers we create between us and each other,

Barriers that separate us from neighbours near and far and inhibit mutual love and care.

Forgive our resentment of others, our love of control, our indifference to the poor.

Life giving Spirit, God's advocate and guide, have mercy on us.

Forgive us God, for the barriers we create between us and your beautiful creation,

Barriers that abuse your world and deny our responsibility as stewards.

Forgive our greed, our misuse of resources, our pollution of the environment.

Life giving Spirit, God's advocate and guide, have mercy on us.

God, by the power of your Spirit, free us and break down these barriers.

Turn us away from the bondage of a life lived for ourselves and our own desires.

May your Spirit guide us into the freedom of life lived for you and your purposes.

Life giving spirit, God's advocate and guide, have mercy on us. Amen

Prayer of Absolution

Scripture Readings

Anthem Veni, Veni, Spiritus, Sanctus.

Testimonies

Gospel Reading

Affirmation of Faith

We believe and trust in God the creator,

Who made us to be family together,

People from every tribe and nation and culture.

We believe and trust in Christ the redeemer,

Who saves us from self-centeredness and isolation,

To be joined together as parts of a body

that loves and cares for each other.

We believe and trust in Holy Spirit the enabler,

Who calls us into community,

With the rich, the poor, the disabled, with the young, the old, the oppressed and despised.

We believe and trust in the triune God,

Perfect community, perfect relationship,

The three in one and one in three,

Whose kingdom of justice and fairness and unity will have no end.

We believe and trust in God.

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Collect

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.

Amen

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.

Invocation to the Holy Spirit

Your breath of life fills the whole world,

and holds all things together.

Breathe on us breath of God.

You are the source of life that brings life to the world,

whole life, full life, unhindered,

indestructible everlasting life.

Fill us with life anew.

The life of your Spirit which Christ sends into the world is

the power of the resurrection

which brings us new life.

Breathe on us breath of God.

Jesus where you are there is life. Where you are sick people

are healed, sad people are comforted, marginalised people

are accepted.

Fill us with life anew.

The mission of your Spirit is a movement for life and a

movement for healing which spreads consolation and the

courage to live. **Breathe on us breath of God.**