



31<sup>st</sup> May 2020  
Pentecost Sunday  
Year A

LITURGY  
FOR  
THE TIME  
IN  
LOCKDOWN

**GATHERING WORDS:**

It was the day of Pentecost,  
and they were all together in one place.  
Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a mighty wind  
came from heaven  
and filled the house where they were sitting.

Spirit of God, move among us,  
that we might be one in mind and spirit.

Pour out the gifts of your Spirit  
and fill us with such joy  
that our whole being is engaged with you.  
Come and claim us as your own.

**LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE**

The spirit of imagination is a gift to all people.

**The spirit of freedom  
was announced by those who went before us  
and we proclaim it again today.**



The spirit of love is a gift to the church in every age.

**We see the flame of the Spirit of God.**

*The Christ Candle Is Lit*

## ***CALL TO WORSHIP:***

Gentle Spirit of God,  
breath of life which touches each face with love,  
**you are with us and within us.**

You are the melody of joy in all creation,  
poured out in notes of hope and healing around us all,  
**you are with us and within us.**

Passionate Spirit, warming our hearts  
with the bright flame of your caring,  
**you are with us and within us.**

Divine Dreamer, who casts a glimpse of beauty  
in the imaginations of all your children,  
**you are with us and within us.**

Host of the table, you set a feast of grace  
and welcome all to your bounty,  
**you are with us and within us.**

On this day we name your coming,  
the Holy One who never leaves us, nor forsakes us.  
**you are with us and within us.**

## ***PENTECOST DAY PRAYER***

of God, flickering over our heads,  
illuminating our faces, inspiring our thoughts,  
give us now, we pray,

**Words of joy and praise**

Spirit of God, Filling our hearts with hope,  
Steadying our nerves with peace,  
Comforting our lives with love,  
give us now, we pray,

**Words of joy and praise**

Spirit of God, come to us now, -  
surging through the darkness of our lives,  
sweeping over our weariness-  
so that, in this time of Pentecost,  
the sparkling light of faith,  
the rushing wind of hope  
and the joyful sound of praise  
may echo round the world,  
may echo in the church,  
and find their response in us,  
Spirit of God, give us now, we pray,

**Words of joy and praise**



*John Harvey*

## SONG: *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

*Tune "CWM Rhondda"*

1. God of tempest, God of whirlwind,  
as on Pentecost descend!  
Drive us out from sheltered comfort  
past these walls your people send!  
Sweep us into costly service,  
There with Christ to bear the cross,  
there with Christ to bear the cross,

2. God of blazing, God of burning,  
all that blocks your purpose, purge!  
Through your church, Christ's living Body  
let your flaming Spirit surge!  
Where deceit conceals injustice.  
Kindle us to speak your truth,  
kindle us to speak your truth,

3. God of earthquake, God of thunder,  
shake us loose from lethargy!  
Break the chains of sin a sunder,  
for earth's healing set us free!  
Crumble walls that still divide us;  
Make us one in Christ our Lord,  
make us one in Christ our Lord,

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## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

In the folds of your wings,  
**we lay down our wars,  
and pick up your peace.**

In the folds of your wings,  
**we lay down our prejudices,  
and pick up your community.**

In the folds of your wings,  
**we lay down our pain,  
and pick up your healing.**

In the folds of your wings,  
**we lay down our divisions,  
and pick up your harmony.**

In the folds of your wings,  
**we lay down our violence,  
and pick up your love.**

In the folds of your wings,  
**we lay down our untruth,  
and pick up your holy truth.**  
As we lay these things down,  
**forgive us, cleanse us,  
and fill us with your Spirit.**  
**Amen.**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

The Holy Spirit moves in love towards us  
with generous gifts for life,  
far beyond anything which we have seen before,  
flowing through all that we are  
in healing and grace.  
We are forgiven!

**Let us live as forgiven people.**



Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet:  
**a light to our path.**



## ***The Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV)***

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 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. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only

nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

**SONG:**    *Sudden From Out The Air*

*Tune: Moscow'*

1. Sudden from out the air  
to those becalmed in care  
blows wild the wind:  
with strong and powerful sound,  
with dancing fire around,  
the Spirit comes to ground  
in every mind.

2. Spirit of then and now,  
teach us, your people, how  
to wait on you;  
send now your living fire;  
our minds and hearts inspire,  
that we may never tire  
on the way true.

3. Explode in power and light  
upon the darkened sight  
of each and all;  
unblock our deafened ear,  
remove our cautious fear,  
among your people here  
awake your call.

4. Send us out to the street,  
where people pass and meet,  
with words to say  
of freedom and release,  
of hope and love and peace:  
through us may you increase  
Christ's living way.

*Leith Fisher*

## *The Gospel: John 20:19-23 (NRSV)*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."



Lord, may your word live in us:  
And bear much fruit to your glory.



*A Contemporary Reflection  
On The Word Can Be Found on The  
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### **AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The people stand*

We are the people of the dream-weaver:  
who put wonder into fjords, perfume into roses,  
and colour into laughter.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit.**

We are the people of the justice-maker:  
who finds the crack in every prejudice,  
stirs discontent into the oppressed,  
and puts voice in the throats of the silenced.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit.**

We are the people of the Spirit-guide:  
who knows the meaning of adventure,  
opens up the world to our imaginings,  
and calls us into it.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit.**

We are the people of the world;  
who know your voice,  
recognize your hand,  
and struggle to answer your call.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## ***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:***

Holy Spirit of God, Holy Spirit of Christ,  
spread through all the earth  
the vivid life of your freedom.  
Then visit us again  
and warm our hearts with a rising flame of concern  
which cannot be quenched  
by the forces of apathy or powerlessness.

Recreate in us a sense of urgency,  
born of true love for our neighbours,  
especially those for whom we now pray:  
*The people pray*

Hear our prayers and touch our lives now,  
we pray Holy Spirit.  
Drop a feather of love from the dove of peace  
which hovers over us,  
and show us a spark  
of the flames of your enthusiasm for good.

Colour our worship with your passion  
for a prophetic future  
and blow through our careful barriers  
to the true adventure of faith,  
born high on the winds of your courage.

Reach past the cliches of old habits and old prayers  
and blaze among us in raw, real relevance  
in our time together and in the world.  
This we dare to pray,  
even as we tremble in human frailty before you. Amen.

## ***THE LORD'S PRAYER:***

Our Father in heaven,  
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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

## SONG: "Pentecost"

*Tune: Bunessan*

The backwash of rumour unsettles the faithful,  
that Jesus has risen, the morning has come,  
when all of the world will be shaken and driven,  
the spirit is waiting, will rise with the sun.

The locks are unbroken, disciples are waiting,  
each ear is attuned for an uncommon sound:  
the footsteps of soldiers, a hidden informant,  
the spirit is waking to turn them around.

In hushed conversation they plan out a future,  
not knowing for certain what fate has in store,  
when flames curl around them, warm hearts and clear voices,  
the spirit has found them behind that closed door.

And now we wait with them, we follow tradition,  
we echo the story that we've heard before,  
God's spirit is near us, around and within us,  
empowering, informing what God has in store.

So let us go out in the power of that spirit  
to live lives like Jesus, to cheer and restore  
the ones who are broken, derided, forsaken,  
the spirit is moving, the future is sure.

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## SENDING OUT:

Go in faith to carry our prayers into every corner of life.  
Go in peace, because the Spirit has come  
and walks in courage alongside us.

*The Christ Candle is extinguished*

So, walk into the unknown future,  
believing that we go in Holy Company.  
And may the Holy Spirit guard and guide us,  
Christ Jesus speak clearly into the challenges  
and the Eternal God create a new way before us.