

A Service of Morning Prayer During Pentecost

GATHERING

Leader: +In the name of God, the Creator, the Christ, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: O Lord, open our lips

All: **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader: As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence,
O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**



OPENING PRAYER

Leader: God of wind and flame,

All: **send your life-giving Spirit upon your people: give fire to our words,
strength to our witness and boldness to our proclamation of your wondrous work in Christ;
who, with you and the Spirit, lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.**

Leader: Wonderous God, you have brought us to this thin place where heaven and earth embrace.
Here we bask in your peace and grace

All: **and open our hearts to your holy Word.**

READING AND DISCUSSION

INTERCESSIONS

One: Let us pray. God of Resurrection, our hope and our joy, our comfort and our support, we make our prayer to you saying, Lord in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

One: Spirit of God, soaring beyond our comprehension, descend, we pray, upon your whole church, and kindle in us a fire of love. Let that love transform us, our hearts and minds, and our actions as we are called to life and compelled to love. May its bright light enthrall others to faith and hope in Jesus, and make us a Church that embodies away of living that brings life to others. Lord in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

One: Compassionate One, as Mary lovingly cradled the body of her child, we remember the many children who were innocent victims of residential school, many of which were run by our Church. We pray for those who suffered and who continue to suffer; for those who grieve and for whose trauma is revisited; for the parents whose children never returned home; for the communities devastated and for the hearts that are broken. We hold them all now in our silence.

silence is kept

Lord in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

One: Christ, healer of all who turned to you, we pray for those suffering in these days.

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One: Prince of Peace, who longs for the deep shalom of your Kingdom to take root upon the earth, we pray for peace wherever there is division and conflict. We pray for those on all sides of conflicts and especially for their leaders: that you might increase their hunger for peace and justice. that you might move them to protect and shield the vulnerable, and ensure aid reaches the desperate, and give them the wisdom, insight and courage, to choose peace. Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: You reign eternal and we look for your Kingdom to come on earth. As we look with hope to the coming months, to a time of reopening and beginning again, grant us patience, so we do so with safety, and not forgetting those who continue to suffer. Grant us vision to change the way we live and work, so that our 'new normal' is more just, more caring, more compassionate, and more loving. Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: Artist of all creation, you hold the stars in your hands and yet rejoice in the song of the sparrow. We praise you for the world in which we live, for the feel of grass beneath our feet, and the invigorating spray of an ocean's wave, and the lofty mountains in all their grandeur. Help us to treasure the environment in which we live, and upon which we depend. Keep us mindful of the rich habitats that surround us and shape the natural world, and shape our lives in harmony with it. Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Trusting in the compassion of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.**

BLESSING

HYMN