

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
for May 23, 2021  
The Day of Pentecost**



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.

**CP 6 This Day at Thy Creating Word**

1 This day at thy creating word  
first o'er the earth the light was poured:  
O Lord, this day upon us shine  
and fill our souls with light divine.

2 This day the Lord for sinners slain  
in might victorious rose again:  
O Jesus, may we lifted be  
from death of sin to life in thee!

3 This day the Holy Spirit came  
with fiery tongues of cloven flame:  
O Spirit, fill our hearts this day  
with grace to hear and grace to pray.

4 All praise to God the Father be,  
all praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
whom, with the Spirit, we adore  
forever and forevermore.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May his grace and peace be with you.

**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Almighty God,

**to you all hearts are open,**

**all desires known,**

**and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:**

**O come, let us worship.**

**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b** *Refrain:* Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

104:24 O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

104:25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

104:26 There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

104:27 These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

104:28 when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

104:29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

104:30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

104:31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works--

104:32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

104:33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

104:34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

104:35b Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

### **A Reading from Acts 2:1-21**

2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

2:2 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.

2:3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

2:5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

2:6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

2:7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

2:8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

2:9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

2:11 Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

2:12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

2:13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

2:14 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.

2:15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

2:16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

2:17 '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.

2:18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

2:19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

2:20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

2:21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **CP 254 O God, The Holy Ghost**

1. O God, the Holy Ghost,  
in this accepted hour,  
as on the day of Pentecost  
descend with all thy power

2. We meet with one accord  
In our appointed place,  
And wait the promise of our Lord,  
The spirit of all grace.

3. Like mighty rushing wind  
Upon the waves beneath,  
Move with one impulse of our Lord,  
The spirit of all grace.

4. The young, the old, inspire  
With wisdom from above,  
And give us hearts and tongues of fire  
To pray and praise and love.

5. Spirit of light, explore  
And chase our gloom away  
With lustre shining more and more  
Unto the perfect day

6. Spirit of truth, be thou  
In life and death our guide;  
O Spirit of adoption, now  
May we be sanctified.

### **A Reading from Romans 8:22-27**

8:22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;

8:23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

8:24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?

8:25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

8:26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

8:27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CCLI 1272252 Spirit of God**

1. Spirit of God You're with me  
 Shaping me from within  
 Everything Jesus promised You bring  
 Life in the Father's care  
 Your special peace we share  
 Safety from every evil snare

**Chorus**

**Spirit of God fly like a dove  
 Carry Your gifts of faith and love**

2. Spirit of God You show me  
 Heaven right here on earth  
 Here in the midst of dying is birth  
 Water and word combine  
 And all Your gifts are mine  
 O how the light of Jesus shines

**Chorus****The Gospel**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

15:26 "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.

15:27 You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

16:4b "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

16:5 But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'

16:6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

16:8 And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:

16:9 about sin, because they do not believe in me;

16:10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer;

16:11 about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

16:12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

16:14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

16:15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon** by the Rev. Heather Liddell

**CCLI 7113814 Hymn of the Holy Spirit**

1. Holy Spirit guide my vision  
Help me see the way You see  
Always Jesus ever Jesus  
Christ in all as Christ in me

2. Holy Spirit guide my speaking  
Words of grace and truth abound  
Let my lips be filled with stories  
Of the mercy that I've found

**Chorus**

**You're the light You're my path  
You're the Shepherd of my soul  
All I am all I have  
Holy Spirit lead me on**

3. Holy Spirit guide my hearing  
Wake my ears to words You speak  
In the thunder in the stillness  
Let Your voice be clear to me  
Let Your voice be clear to me

**Chorus**

4. Holy Spirit lead me onward  
Walking through the great unknown  
Trusting leaning holding clinging  
Till the day You lead me home

**Chorus**

**Affirmation of Faith** (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People** led and compiled by Betty Johnson

For our intercessions today we will use Litany 16 from the Book of Alternative Services.  
Let us pray to God the Holy Spirit, saying, "Come, Holy Spirit, come."

Come Holy Spirit, creator, and renew the face of the earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

We pray for all people in authority and for peace in troubled areas.

In the world-wide cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

In Canada we pray for The National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, the Most Rev. Mark MacDonald.

In our Diocese we pray for The Educational Chaplaincy: Rev Heather Liddell.

And we pray for The Environmental Chaplaincy.

In the Buyé Diocese, we pray for the Kibonde Parish: Serges Rwasa, Rector.

We pray for the people of the Alexander First Nation.

We pray for our Diocesan Administrator, the very Rev Alex Meek.

We pray for the search committee, dedicated to the search for a new bishop and for a smooth transition.

We pray for all our St. Peter's family especially our clergy Heather and Alison. We pray for Nadine and our music ministry. And we pray for all our volunteers.

We pray for the Westmount Christian Council.

Come, Holy Spirit, counsellor, and touch our lips that we may proclaim your word.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been specifically requested: Sandra; Merle; Mona; Nicole; Lois; Ray and Mary; Evelyn; Irene and Sandy; Joyce; Jim and Par; Kathryn; Trevor; Helen; Jenifer; Judy; Tony; Thelma; Luisa; Carey and Olga.

And for the peaceful repose of the souls of those who have died, especially The Rev. Lorna Howell, and Barbara Gustafson and comfort for those who mourn.

Come, Holy Spirit, power from on high: make us agents of peace and ministers of wholeness.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, breath of God, give life to the dry bones of this exiled age, and make us a living people, holy and free.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, wisdom and truth: strengthen us in the risk of faith.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Compassionate Father, it has been a long while since we have been able to gather as one body in your presence to worship you in fellowship and community. We long for the time that we can gather again in our beloved St. Peter's and experience the joy and fellowship of shared worship in a shared space. We ask for trust and for patience, not only for ourselves, but for all worshipping communities, so that when the time is right, we can open our doors and once again, carefully and with the safety of all in our minds and hearts, come together again in love and fellowship.

Until that time, we thank you for the many opportunities you have granted us to worship in different ways and we ask that you make us always mindful that the church is not the building where worship happens but that the church lives in us as you live in us. Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**Collect**

Almighty and everliving God,  
 who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
 by sending us your Holy Spirit  
 and opening to every race and nation  
 the way of life eternal,  
 keep us in the unity of your Spirit,  
 that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

**CP 651 God Sends Us the Spirit**

1. God sends us, the Spirit to befriend and help us.  
 Recreate and guide us, Spirit Friend.  
 Spirit who enlivens, sanctifies, enlightens,  
 sets us free, is now our Spirit Friend.  
 Spirit of our Maker, Spirit Friend.  
 Spirit of our Maker, Spirit Friend.

2. Darkened roads are clearer, heavy burdens, lighter,  
 when we're walking with our Spirit Friend.  
 Now we need not fear the powers of the darkness,  
 None can overcome our Spirit Friend.  
 Spirit of our Saviour, Spirit Friend.  
 Spirit of our Saviour, Spirit Friend.

3. Now we are God's people, bonded by God's presence,  
 agents of God's purpose, Spirit Friend.  
 Lead us forward ever, slipping backward never,  
 to your remade world, our Spirit Friend.  
 Spirit of God's people, Spirit Friend.  
 Spirit of God's people, Spirit Friend.

**The Dismissal**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

May the God of peace enable us to do His will in every kind of goodness working in us what pleases Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever, Amen.

Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**