

Prayer at Night For Pentecost

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

*From our cycle of prayer for this dispersed
worshipping community: Tonight's Office Prayer is
offered for*

- *the priest, clergy team, people and
community of S. John the Baptist, Claines, in
Worcester Diocese*
- *and for the Yorkshire and North East
Methodist District.*

Jesus Christ, whom we worship,
is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord
and we have walked with him
through his journey of love.
We have faced the agony
of his suffering and death on a cross.
We have rejoiced
at his bursting free from the bonds of death.
We have enjoyed
his risen presence with us
and his revelation
through the breaking of bread.
We have seen his return to the throne
before which every knee shall bow
and every tongue confess
that this Jesus is Lord.
And now, with the followers of his own time,
we await the coming
of the promised Holy Spirit,
his gift to his people,
through whom we make Christ known to the
world.

As we wait in silence,
fill us with your Spirit

Blessed are you, sovereign God,
overflowing in love.
With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.
Now the flame of heaven
rests on every believer.
Strong and weak,
women and men tell out your word;
the young receive visions,
the old receive dreams.
With the new wine of the Spirit
they proclaim your reign of love.
Amid the birth pangs of the new creation
the way of light is made known.
Source of freedom, giver of life,
blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

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The angels of God guard us through the night,
and quieten the powers of darkness.

The Spirit of God be our guide
to lead us to peace and to glory.

Our help is in the name of the eternal God
**who is making the heavens
and the earth.**

Song / hymn

This is the day,
this is the day
that the Lord has made
that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice
We will rejoice
and be glad in it
and be glad in it
This is the day that the Lord has made!
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day,
This is the day
that the Lord has made.

This is the day,
this is the day
when he rose again
when he rose again.

We will rejoice
We will rejoice
and be glad in it
and be glad in it
This is the day
when he rose again
We will rejoice and be glad in it!
This is the day,
This is the day
when he rose again.

This is the day,
this is the day
when the Spirit came
when the Spirit came!
We will rejoice
We will rejoice
and be glad in it
and be glad in it!
This is the day
when the Spirit came
we will rejoice and be glad in it;
this is the day,
this is the day
when the Spirit came

*Text and Music: Les Garrett, based on psalm 118
(HON New Anglican 508)*

Dear God, thank you for all that is good,
for our creation and our humanity,
for the stewardship you have given us
of this planet earth,
for the gifts of life and of one another,
for your love,
which is unbounded and eternal.

O Thou, Most Holy and Beloved,
My Companion, my Unicorn,
my Guide upon the Way.

Words of love and penitence...

We have wounded your love:
O God, heal us.

We stumble in the darkness:
Light of the world, transfigure us.

We forget that we are your home:
Spirit of God, dwell in us.

O God of Joy, we rejoice in you...

You run to meet us like a welcoming friend,
you laugh with us in the merriment of heaven,
you feast with us at the great banquet,
O God of Joy, we rejoice in you....

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being
and open our lips,
**that our mouths
may proclaim your praise.**

Let us worship the God of Love:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Psalmody

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Lord, how manifold are your works!*
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the sea, spread far and wide,*
and there move creatures beyond number;
both small and great.

All of these look to you*
to give them their food in due season.
When you give it them, they gather it*
you open your hand
and they are filled with good.

When you send forth your spirit,
they are created,*
And you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;*
May the Lord rejoice in his works;

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;*
I will make music to my God
while I have my being.

So shall my song please him*
while I rejoice in the Lord.

Let sinners be consumed out of the earth
and the wicked be no more.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Alleluia

Psalms 104: 26-27, 29-30, 32-33, 35-37

**Glory be to God,
sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,
as in the beginning, so now and forever.
Amen.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture reading

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

Acts 2: 1-4, NRSV

Taken from the Eucharistic readings for the day from the Anglican lectionary

For God has not given us a Spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of self-discipline*

2 Timothy 1:7

NKJV, ("self-discipline" from the NRSV)*

Responsory

Into your hands, O God,
I commend my spirit,
**for you have redeemed me,
O God of truth and love.**

Keep me, O God, as the apple of an eye:
**Hide me under the shadow
of your wings.**

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)

**Alleluia. The Holy Spirit will teach you
all things, alleluia.
And will guide you into all truth,
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Praise be to God,
I have lived to see this day.
God's promise is fulfilled
and my duty done.**

**At last you have given me peace,
for I have seen with my own eyes
the salvation you have prepared
for all nations –
a light to the world in its darkness,
and the glory of your people, Israel.**

**Glory be to God,
sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,
as in the beginning, so now and forever.
Amen.**

**Alleluia. The Holy Spirit will teach you
all things, alleluia.
And will guide you into all truth,
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Intercession...

Lord of love,
send your Holy Spirit
to turn our words into prayers
and our seeking into finding.
Come, Holy Spirit

Lord of life and light,
send your Holy Spirit
to turn our darkness into light
and our falseness into truth
Come, Holy Spirit

Creating Lord,
send your Holy Spirit
to bring order out of chaos
and love out of hatred
Come, Holy Spirit

Father,
you anointed Christ
with the power of the Spirit
to touch, heal and save;
send the Spirit upon us and among us
to heal and bring grace, hope and truth.
Come, Holy Spirit

Lord of love,
Send your Holy Spirit
to give rest to the weary
and to strengthen our faith;
give life and joy to broken hearts
and places of tenderness and sadness.

Come, Holy Spirit

Word of life,
you are the creating word,
and the Spirit of Truth;
send your Holy Spirit on us,
to teach us how to speak.
Give us hearts, bodies, souls and voices
that speak love, compassion and justice.

Come, Holy Spirit

Risen and Ascended Lord,
may your Spirit make us one with you;
let us never be separated from your love
by distress, persecution or danger.

Come, Holy Spirit

Lord Jesus, ascended to the Father,
we turn to you in the night of our anxiety
and the day of our over-confidence;
may your Spirit be ever with us,
guiding, discerning, holding us in your love.
Advocate, Comforter, Breath of God

Spirit of God,
help us to learn to live and move in you;
the ground of our being;
help our lives to show forth the fruits
of your presence

Come, Holy Spirit

*...for those who lead and govern, and those who
face choices and decisions*

*... for the Church... especially for S. John the Baptist,
Claines in the Worcester Diocese, and for the
Yorkshire and North East Methodist District.*

... for those who have died, and those who mourn

Come Holy Spirit!
Come as flame
to burn energy and truth within us
Come Holy Spirit!
Come as wind
to disturb and invigorate us

Come Holy Spirit!
Come and speak through us
that we may learn to share your love.
Come Holy Spirit!
Breath of God,
Spirit of the Living Lord
draw us ever closer to you
ever closer into the dance of life and love
Father, Son and Holy Spirit

May your Kingdom Come

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father,
which 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 them
that 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.**

Commissioning... Prayer

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory
of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of
sin and death.

We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and
we have prayed that the power that was at
work when God raised Jesus from the dead
might be at work in us.

As part of God's church, I call upon you to
live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
will you dare to walk into God's future,
trusting him to be your guide?
By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other
and grow together in love?

We will.

Will you dare to share your riches in
common and minister to each other in need?

We will

Will you dare to pray for each other
until your hearts beat
with the longings of God?

We will

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ
into the world's dark places?

We will

Blessing and departure

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,
**for it is in God alone
that I dwell unafraid.**

Let us bless the Life-Giver,
the Pain-Bearer, the Love-Maker
**let us praise and exalt God
above all for ever.**

May the Spirit,
who hovered over the waters when the
world was created,
breathe into us the life he gives.

May the Spirit,
who overshadowed the Virgin when the
eternal Son came among us,
make us joyful in the service of the Lord.

May the Spirit,
Who set the Church
on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive with the love of the
risen Christ.

O God of love and mercy, grant us,
with all your people, rest and peace.

**May the Lord bless us, protect us from
all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen**

The Regina Caeli

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven
Alleluia!

He whom thou wast meet to bear
Alleluia!

As he promised hath arisen!
Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer
Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary
Alleluia!
For the Lord is risen indeed!
Alleluia!

O God, who by the Resurrection of your Son,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ, brought joy to the
whole world, grant that, aided by the prayers
of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may know
the joys of eternal life:
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

Here Eastertide ends....