

# An Office for the Feast of Pentecost

## OPENING

CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Faithful people of God,  
give praise for the gift of the Spirit!  
**Praise the Name of our God! Alleluia!**  
From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**glory be to God, most holy and blessed!**

By Word and water God renews us this day in the living fountain of God's  
grace  
**and raises us with Christ Jesus to live a new life in the Spirit.**  
Remember your baptism and be thankful!

*(water may be touched or poured)*

FESTIVAL CANTICLE: AN EXCERPT FROM THE CANTICLE OF CREATION (*Benedicite, omnia opera  
Domini*)  
*(may be chanted to Psalm Tone 4, United Methodist Hymnal, 737)*

All you works of the Most *High*,\*  
praise and exalt God above all for-*ever!*  
Sun and moon, stars in the *sky*,\*  
praise and exalt God above all for-*ever!*

Night and day, light and *darkness*,\*  
praise and exalt God above all for-*ever!*  
Servants of God,  
faithful men and women eve-ry-where,\*  
praise and exalt God above all for-*ever!*

*(All)*  
People of God, give thanks  
for God's ever-last-ing *love*;\*  
praise and exalt God above all for-*ever!*

Adapted from Daniel 3:57-87 *TIB*  
*(Song of the Three Young Men)*

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## PRAYER

[When prayed in community:  
*(The Holy One be with you, **and also with you.***  
*Let us pray:)]*

Holy Spirit,  
come upon us without delay;  
pour out your graces on our souls.  
Let tongue and soul and mind and strength  
proclaim your praise.  
Set our love aflame by the fire of your love,  
and may its warmth enkindle love in our neighbors.  
Empower us with your presence  
in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

*Adapted from the Hymn for Terce attributed to St. Ambrose, 340-397*

## PSALTER

PSALM *(Psalm 98 may be prayed, p. 238; or see a psalm lectionary for additional psalter readings)*

*(may be chanted to Psalm Tone 2, United Methodist Hymnal, 737)*

You are near to all who call u-pon *you*,\*  
all who call upon you in truth. Al-le-luia!

Psalm 145:18 TIB

**Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*!\***  
**One God, now and for-ever. A-men.**

- *Silence* -

## WORD

SCRIPTURE *(Acts 2:1-11 may be read or see a daily lectionary for additional appropriate readings)*

Hear what the Spirit is saying:

" . . . we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God."

Acts 2:11b TIB

Holy wisdom! Holy word!  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

- *Silence* -

THE CANTICLE OF THE REDEEMED *(Magna et mirabilia)*  
*(may be chanted to Psalm Tone 3)*

Great and marvelous are your *works*,\*  
mighty God of the *ages*;  
just and true are your *ways*\*  
a-mong all *nations*.

Who can fail to revere  
and glorify your name, A-do-*nai*,\*  
for you a-lone are *holy*?  
From nations throughout the world  
we draw near and wor-ship *you*,\*  
for your just and holy ways  
have been re-*vealed*.

*(All)*  
To you, O God, u-pon the *throne*,\*  
to Christ the Lamb, and to the Ho-ly *Spirit*  
be worship and praise, power and *glory*,\*  
now and unto ages of ages. Al-le-*luia!*

Adapted from Revelation 15:3-4 and 5:13  
Excerpt from the *Canticle to the Lamb*, OSL

[A READING FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION]

## PRAYERS

THE KYRIE *(for sung versions see United Methodist Hymnal, 842-844)*

Lord, have mercy	<i>or</i>	Kyrie, eleison.
<b>Christ, have mercy</b>		<b>Christe, eleison,</b>
Lord, have mercy		Kyrie, eleison.

PRAYER

*Give thanks and pray for the coming day and the needs of the world.*

AN EXCERPT FROM "*VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS*"

*(to be prayed dialogically when possible, with the second voice  
responding with the indented lines)*

Come, Holy Spirit, come;  
radiate your light divine.  
In labor you are rest,  
in heat, coolness,  
in woe, reassurance and relief.

Heal what is wounded;  
strengthen what is weak;  
cleanse what is filthy;  
water what is parched;  
bend what is stubborn;

melt what is frozen;  
warm what is chill,  
guide what is devious.

*(All)*

On the faithful who trust in you,  
pour out your sevenfold gifts;  
give us boundless mercy--  
Your salvation--joy unending. Amen.

Adapted by DWV from the thirteenth century Prayer of Archbishop  
Stephen Langton as translated by E. Caswall (1814-1878);  
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THE LORD'S PRAYER *(see p. 259 for a sung version)*

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 forever. Amen.

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CONCLUDING PRAYER

Mighty God,  
who on the day of Pentecost  
sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples,  
filling them with joy and boldness  
to proclaim the Gospel:  
send us out in the power of the same Spirit  
to witness to your truth,  
and to draw all persons to the fire of your love,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Alternative Prayer Book 1984  
according to the use of The Church of Ireland, alt*

HYMN

Tune: FOREST GREEN, (*UMH* 539)

O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,  
descend upon thy church once more  
and make it wholly thine.  
Fill it with love and joy and power,  
with righteousness and peace,  
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,

and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow  
until our minds are free  
from mists of error, clouds of doubt  
which blind our eyes to thee.  
Burn, wing-ed fire! Inspire our lips  
with flaming love and zeal  
to preach to all thy great good news,  
God's glorious commonweal.

Henry H. Tweedy, 1935 (Acts  
2)

## GOING FORTH

The God of all grace who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish us and strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may live in grace and peace.

Adapted from I Peter 5:10

With the Spirit's breath,  
we go forth to be an Easter people,  
free to embrace that Spirit,  
plunging us into compassionate life and witness.

Adapted from Richard Schieber

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**