

Pentecost Sunday
50th Sunday of the Great Fifty days (of Eastertide)

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Christ's body was brought to life and empowered to know and do God's will.

- John Westerhoff

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. – *John 20:21-22*

Opening Responses

Come, Creator Spirit, and move over this chaotic world.

Come, Creator Spirit, and bring life to this world.

Come, Creator Spirit, and move over the chaos of our lives.

Come, Creator Spirit, and bring us new life Amen.

Come Holy Spirit.

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Maranatha.

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Come Lord Come!

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The Spirit gathers us to worship God
and builds us up in faith, hope, and love
so that we may go into the world to proclaim the gospel
and work for justice and peace.
Let us worship God together.

Tzan Mei Zu
Pottruvum Devanai
Puji Tuhan
Praise the Lord

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation.
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness
and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Tzan Mei Zu
Pottruvum Devanai
Puji Tuhan
Praise the Lord

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

Tzan Mei Zu
Pottruvum Devanai
Puji Tuhan
Praise the Lord

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Eternal God,
your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible
and enlightens us to hear your Word fresh each day.
Help us to rely always on your promises in Scripture.
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me,
fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,
move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind,
make us one in love;
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God,
fill our lives with love.

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**Scripture
Reading**

A Reading from the gospel according to John:
John 20:19-23

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You Lord, Christ.

Reflection

At Pentecost, God’s promised Spirit came to the church. Christ’s body was brought to life and empowered to know and do God’s will... The body is given life, the church is born, and we in the church celebrate our potency: life in the Spirit. Pentecost is a day for baptisms, the adoption and incorporation of new life into the church, and the renewal of our baptismal covenant imbuing us with God’s Spirit that we may fulfil our vows. As believers in Jesus Christ and members of his church, we are called to live in the Spirit – to live in relationship to God, self, neighbour, and the natural world – to the end that God’s will be done and God’s reign come. – *John Westerhoff*

Response

Come! Live in the light!
shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
we are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain:
We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

Silence

Prayers

God our Father, fill our lives with your compassion;
may we live in the generosity of forgiveness.
For those who lead and govern in the various parts of this world,
grant them wisdom, humility and will to be of service to the people they lead.
For the church, ferment of communion:
Lord, make your light shine upon her.

We entrust to your unfailing and tender care those who are ill or in pain:
comfort and heal them, restore them to health and strength.
We pray for all who care for them that they will have the
energy and stamina, patience and perseverance as they go about their daily
routine of service for them.

Lord, we continue to pray for enduring faith during this season of heightened fear, anxiety and confusion. As we slowly move to phase one of our Safe opening, may we continue to rely on you and trust your purposes. May we rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love.

Guide us by your Spirit so that we may accomplish the will of your love. Lord, give us new hearts. **Amen.**

Response

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
So all hatred and blindness will be no more! *Refrain*

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love! *Refrain*
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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.**

Sending

God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us
to serve and worship you now and always. **Amen.**

Blessing

May the peace of Christ be with you.
May the love of Christ dwell deep in your heart.
May the Spirit enlighten your way.
May you walk in the comfort of God's care.
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