

Putnoe Heights Church

A Methodist Church and Church of England Partnership



A Service of Morning Worship

Pentecost 2003

Opening Sentence

In the last days, God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy' *Acts Chapter 2 verses 17-18*

Opening Statement

(Please join in the words in bold type)



God has given us His Spirit
He has poured out his love on nations and people everywhere

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise:
**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

Opening Prayer *(please be seated)*

We say together...

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.
Here may the faithful find salvation, the careless be awakened.
Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.
Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort.
Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.
Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired - through
Christ Jesus our Lord. - Amen.

Hymn 281 Hymns and Psalms
Come Down O Love Divine -

Confession

The Spirit of truth will convict the world of guilt about sin, righteousness, and judgement. We have grieved the Holy Spirit. We confess our sins in penitence and faith. (John 16:8). *(We sit for the confession)*

Words and responses.....

O God of all nations and peoples, we praise your name. We rejoice in the many languages that proclaim your word and your wonderful deeds. We give thanks for the movement of your Spirit alive in your people, churches, and the world.

God of wind and fire, we confess that sometimes we fear your Spirit. In those moments when the Spirit gushes, pushes, and challenges us toward the unknown, we would often rather cling to comfort and the familiar.

Forgive our hesitations, Lord God, and renew the ability in us to entrust our lives to you. Move us beyond boundaries of language and nationality into your endless and extravagant love.

In this world so in need of forgiveness, peace, and healing, lead us to be those who overcome fear, offer messages of hope, and practice your infinite graciousness. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Minister

People of God, let the winds of forgiveness blow through your soul. Know deep in your bones that God loves you and the world beyond all measure. Rise up, beloved, into the newness of life that is ours in Christ this day. Amen.

We remain seated seated and sing as a prayer

Hymn

I We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity
may one day be restored.

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

2 We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land. *Chorus*

3 We will work with each other,
we will work side by side.
We will work with each other,
we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each other's dignity
and save each other's pride. *Chorus*

4 All praise to the Father
from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus,
his only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit
who makes us one. *Chorus*

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Offering

*After the offering is collected it may be brought forward.
The people stand as it is presented and say*

Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Gift Aid

Thank you to those people who have made their offering to the church by standing order. If you are a tax payer please use envelopes or a standing order, so that we can claim the tax back. Envelopes are available each Sunday in the church

Hymn

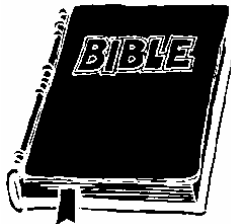
*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove;
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love*

You spoke to us, long, long ago,
gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth,
through it God's voice is heard.

Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your strength,
following Christ each day

Margaret V Old (born 1932) © 1971 Scripture Union CM and refrain Used By Permission. CCL Licence No. 1501 Copied from HymnQuest 2.3: CLUE Version HymnQuest ID: 61220 (*Tune: Skye boat song*)

Bible Readings



Collect Prayer

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Acts Chapter 2: Verses 1-21

John Chapter 15: Verses 26-27 and 16:1-15

After each reading

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn

1 The Spirit lives to set us free,
walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.
*Walk in the light, walk in the light,
walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord*

2 Jesus promised life to all,
walk, walk in the light.
The dead were wakened by his call,
walk, walk in the light.
Chorus

3 He died in pain on Calvary,
walk, walk in the light,
to save the lost like you and me,
walk, walk in the light.
Chorus

4 We know his death was not the end,
walk, walk in the light.
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,
walk, walk in the light.
Chorus

5 By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
walk, walk in the light.
The Father's kindness is revealed,
walk, walk in the light.
Chorus

6 The Spirit lives in you and me,
walk, walk in the light.
His light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light.

Chorus

Hymn 283 Hymns and Psalms
Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire

Sermon

The Reverend Charles Royden

Hymn 611 Mission Praise
Spirit of Holiness

*Spirit of holiness, wisdom and faithfulness,
wind of the Lord, blowing strongly and free.
Strength of our serving and joy of our worshipping,
Spirit of God, bring your fulness to me!*

You came to interpret and teach us effectively,
all that the Saviour has spoken and done;
to glorify Jesus is all your activity,
promise and gift of the Father and Son.

*Spirit of holiness, wisdom and faithfulness,
wind of the Lord, blowing strongly and free.
Strength of our serving and joy of our worshipping,
Spirit of God, bring your fulness to me!*

You came with your gifts to supply all our poverty,
pouring your love on the church in her need;
You came with your fruit for our growth to maturity,
richly refreshing the souls that you feed.

*Spirit of holiness, wisdom and faithfulness,
wind of the Lord, blowing strongly and free.
Strength of our serving and joy of our worshipping,
Spirit of God, bring your fulness to me!*

Creed

We believe in God the Father; from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers

We conclude our prayers with the prayer Jesus taught us

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

Hymn 745 Hymns and Psalms

O thou who camest from above

Final Prayer & Blessing

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

May the blessing of God Almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you
and remain with you this day and evermore Amen.

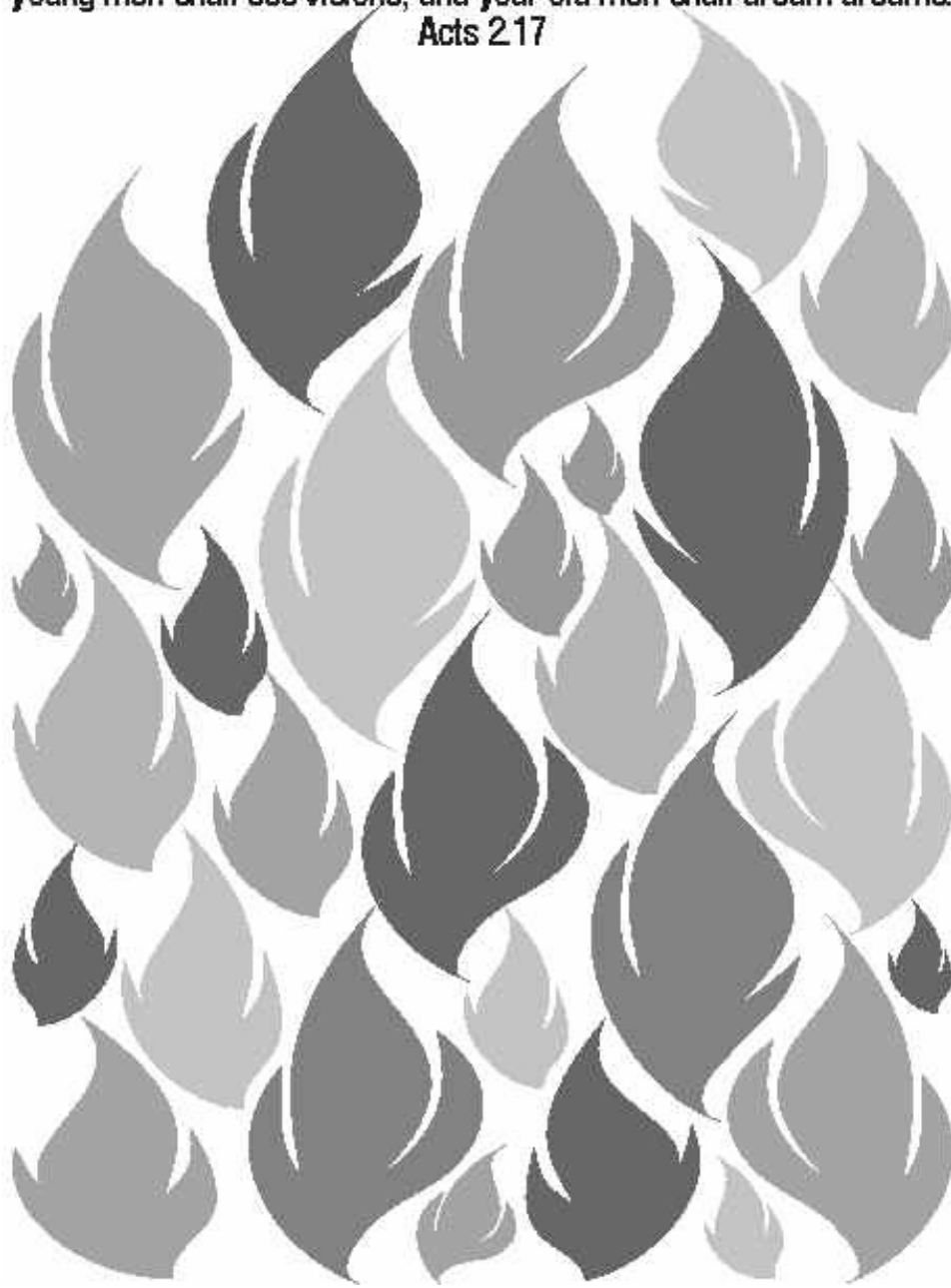
Jesus said, 'Receive the Spirit: as the Father sent me, so I send you.'

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

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.

Acts 2:17



This is an ancient collect prayer which you may like to keep and use at home

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life we may never forget you, but remember that we are ever walking in your sight; for your own name's sake. Amen