

### ***Before the Service***

Your love shining like the sun  
Spirit of heaven flood over me

### ***Words of Welcome & Greeting***

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

### ***Introduction***

Today is Pentecost when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. He came with a mighty rushing wind with tongues of fire. A large crowd came together to see what was happening who were amazed when they could hear in their own tongue.

Peter then stood up to address the crowd and three thousand people responded to Peter's word to 'repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit' And so the church was born.

Today we too seek God for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit on us and on the church to empower us to live as Jesus followers and to proclaim the same message that Peter preached.

### ***Worship in Song***

Holy Spirit living breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause your word to come alive in me,  
Give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for your purity;  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,  
May your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover every sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude:  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my strivings into works of grace;  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show your power once again on earth,  
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.  
May the fragrance of our prayers arise;  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see.

### ***Who is the Holy Spirit?***

#### ***Confession***

When we don't know how or what to pray, God's Spirit knows. When all we can muster are sighs and groans, the Holy Spirit knows those also. When we feel that we aren't even worthy to approach God, the Spirit, the Comforter, goes before us and with us and God welcomes us with arms open. So let us confess our sins together, saying:

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

#### ***Assurance of Pardon***

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God's love is that while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, our sins are forgiven and we can approach the throne of God in confidence.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### ***Special Prayer for Today***

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. **Amen.**

### ***Bible Reading***

Acts 2.1-13

### ***Talk - The Story of Pentecost***

### ***Worship in Song***

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night  
We will walk the Valley with You by our side  
You will go before us, you will lead the way  
We have found a refuge only You can save

Sing with joy now our God is for us  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress  
Raise your voice now no love is greater  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us

Even when I stumble, even when I fall  
Even when I turn back still Your love is sure  
You will not abandon, you will not forsake  
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

Bridge

Neither height nor depth can separate us  
Hell and death will not defeat us  
He who gave His Son to free us holds me in His love

### ***Testimony***

### ***Worship in Song***

Come people of the risen king  
Who delight to bring Him praise  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the morning star of grace  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice  
One heart one voice O Church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun  
And those weeping through the night  
Come those who tell of battles won  
And those struggling in the fight

For His perfect love will never change  
And His mercies never cease  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace

Come young and old from ev'ry land  
Men and women of the faith  
Come those with full or empty hands  
Find the riches of His grace  
Over all the world His people sing  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The truth that cries through ev'ry age  
Our God is all in all

### ***Bible Reading***

Acts 2.14-24, 32-33 & 37-41

### ***Talk - The Apostle Peter's Sermon***

### ***Nicene Creed***

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### ***Worship in Song***

Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire  
With splendour He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place

### ***Prayers***

#### ***The Lord's Prayer***

**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.**

#### ***The Peace***

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

### ***Offertory Prayer***

Lord God, take our hearts and set them on fire for you. Take our lives and transform them to be like that of Jesus. Take our church and resurrect it with your life-giving Spirit. And take our gifts and use them for the fulfilment of your vision of peace and unity.  
**Amen.**

### ***Worship in Song***

Love divine all loves excelling  
Joy of heaven to earth come down  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling  
All Thy faithful mercies crown  
Jesus Thou art all compassion  
Pure unbounded love Thou art  
Visit us with Thy salvation  
Enter every trembling heart

Breathe O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled breast  
Let us all in Thee inherit  
Let us find Thy promised rest  
Take away the love of sinning  
Alpha and Omega be  
End of faith as its beginning  
Set our hearts at liberty

Come Almighty to deliver  
Let us all Thy grace receive  
Suddenly return and never  
Never more Thy temples leave  
Thee we would be always blessing  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing  
Glory in Thy perfect love

Finish then Thy new creation  
Pure and spotless let us be  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee  
Changed from glory into glory  
Till in heaven we take our place  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee  
Lost in wonder love and praise

## ***Thanksgiving for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee***

We are gathered together on this special day to give thanks for the seventy years of faithful service of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth. We give thanks for her example of faithfulness to God and to her people, and pray God's blessing on her that she may continue to fulfil the promises she has made with generosity and joy.

In 1947 the then Princess Elizabeth said: "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service ... But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it."

Her Majesty the Queen wrote on Coronation Day, 2 June 1953: "When I spoke to you last... I asked you all, whatever your religion, to pray for me on the day of my Coronation - to pray that God would give me wisdom and strength to carry out the promises that I should then be making ... I have been uplifted and sustained by the knowledge that your thoughts and prayers were with me."

Let us pray the Prayer of Dedication from Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee Year: Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all who are in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour and glory of your name and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### ***Bible Reading***

Romans 12:1-18

### ***Prayers***

God commands us to pray for those in authority over us (1 Timothy 2:1-4). This prayer simply thanks God for the Queen's example of servant leadership.

Heavenly Father, as the Queen celebrates 70 years of service, we thank you for her example of servant leadership. **Amen.**

The Queen is also head of state for 14 Commonwealth nations and is known to care deeply about this unique collection of nations. This prayer gives thanks to God for her leadership and her integrity. Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we thank you for the understanding way in which the Queen has dedicated her life to lead the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth of 54 countries around the world throughout the 70 years of her reign. May her example of integrity and service continue to influence and encourage people in every walk of life and bring honour to your name. **Amen.**

In her Christmas messages over recent years, the Queen has spoken very openly about her faith in the Lord Jesus. This prayer asks God to deepen her knowledge of Him as she reads His word and prays. Sovereign Lord, please grant to our Queen an ever-deepening knowledge of your love and peace. In worship, study of your Word and the sharing of her Christian faith with others, may she be strengthened by your Spirit in all wisdom, knowledge and understanding. bless her in all her ways. For Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

### ***Act of Dedication***

As we give thanks for Her Majesty's service to us all, let us dedicate our own lives once again to the love and service of God and neighbour:

**Lord of our lives and Father of all, grant that our thanksgiving may prove itself in service to you and to our Queen, our country and one another, for your Name's sake. Amen.**

### ***Blessing***

May God crown you with glory and righteousness, that you may obtain the crown of an everlasting kingdom by the gift of him whose kingdom endures forever; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### ***The National Anthem***