

31<sup>st</sup> May 2020



*PENTECOST*

*WE GATHER IN SPIRIT*

Believing that God made and loves the world,  
**we gather.**

That it may be remade to fulfil God's purposes,  
**we pray.**

To seek a wisdom deeper than our own thinking,  
**we listen.**

To honour God, who gave us voice,  
**we worship.**

Spirit of Life,

**fill our emptiness with your fullness.**

Spirit of power,

**stir our hearts afresh.**

Spirit of love,

**touch us – and through us, our neighbour.**

Spirit of creativity,

**enable and empower the gifts you have given.**

Spirit of eternity,

**draw us ever deeper into your kingdom.**

**Amen.**

## WE ASK FOR FORGIVENESS

Your Spirit, Lord,  
present from the beginning of beginnings,  
present in the message of the prophets,  
present in the life and words of Jesus,  
present in the Cross and crucifixion.

Present in the resurrection,  
present in the lives of the apostles,  
present in the Church that you empower.

Your Spirit,  
the presence of God in hearts and lives!

**We ask for your forgiveness, Lord,  
when we forget the power that lies within  
and trust instead our human strength.**

**Remind us of that glorious day  
when your Spirit transformed the lives  
of those who hid in fear, into men of power.  
Renew these hearts which have grown cold  
with flames of fire, as on Pentecost,  
that we might be the followers, the Church  
that you desire.**

**In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**



## SCRIPTURE

*Acts 2 : 1-21*

*John 20 : 19-23*

## REFLECTION

### OUR PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD



### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### CLOSING PRAYER

**Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that all my thoughts may be holy.**

**Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that all that I do may be holy.**

**Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,  
that I love only what is holy.**

**Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,  
to defend all that is holy.**

**Guard me then, O Holy Spirit,  
that I may always be holy.**

**Amen.**

*(St Augustine of Hippo (354-430))*

## BLESSING

Holy Spirit, mighty wind of God,  
inhabit our darkness, brood over our abyss  
and speak to our chaos,  
that we may breathe with your life  
and share your creation  
in the power of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## OUR HYMN FOR TODAY

*'Spirit of God, Unseen as the Wind'*

(With thanks to Simeon Royle)

*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....*Spirit of God ..*

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

