

Celtic Worship for Pentecost May 2020



Come Holy Spirit
Ignite us with your fire
Fill us with words of truth
Come Holy Spirit, come

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Breathe on me, breath of God:
fill me with life anew,
that I may love as you have loved
and do as you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours
to do and to endure.

Edwin Hatch | Robert Jackson

Reading Acts 2 : 1-11 The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

For the Spirit of Peace
that calms our mind
and stills our life,
we give you thanks.

For the Spirit of Love
that touches hearts
and reaches out,
we give you thanks.

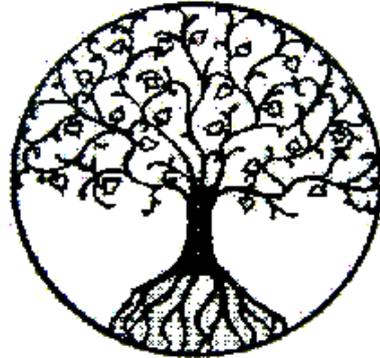
For the Spirit of Joy
that lifts our soul
and gives us faith
we give you thanks.

For the Spirit of Power,
that gift of grace
for this your church,
we give you thanks.

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Psalm 104 (from the Iona Abbey Worship Book)

My soul, bless God your Maker.
God, you are magnificent,
clothed with glory and majesty,
wrapped in a cloak of light.
You stretch out the skies like a tent,
your home is beyond the heavens,
the clouds provide your chariot.
You ride on the wings of the wind.
Breezes and gales are you messengers,
fire and flames your attendants.
You set the earth on foundations
so firm it will never be shaken.
You clothed the earth with seas;
their waters covered the mountains.
And then you set clear limits
to safeguard the earth from flooding.
You supply grass for the cattle
and plants for people to cultivate.
So good food comes from the earth,
and wine to cheer our spirits.
How splendid are your works,
rooted in heavenly wisdom.
Creatures of earth and sea
look to you for provision.
By your spirit all is created
and the face of the earth is renewed.
My soul bless God your Maker.



Confessing our sins we seek forgiveness

We ask for your forgiveness, Lord,
when we forget
the power that lies within,
and trust instead
upon 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 that Pentecost,
that this might be
the church that you desire.

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Empower us as you did the Prophets of old; embolden us in our witness to our family, our neighbours and all whom we meet.

Fill us with your Spirit

That our faith might be enriched

Fill us with your Spirit

That our lives might be empowered

Fill us with your Spirit

That our witness might be emboldened

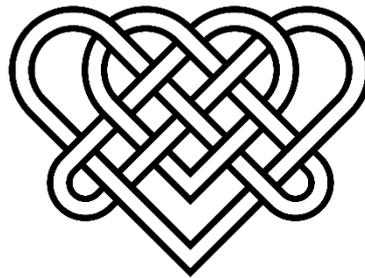
Fill us with your Spirit

That your name might be glorified

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Poem Pentecost by Geraldine Laker

Come Holy Spirit
fill the spaces,
reign in the corners
take all the places,
drive out our sin,
deceit and the lies,
let good enter in.
Open our eyes
guide every mind,
put love in each heart.
Help us to find
where we should start
to live as your word
tells us to do,
seeking perfection, Lord,
and closer to you.



(from: *Even Angels Tread Softly: a Mothers' Union Anthology of Poetry*)

Intercessions as we pray for ourselves and each other

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

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Time to pray for others

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

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

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Spirit of the living God

Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God

Fall afresh on me.

Break me, melt me,

Mould me, fill me.

Spirit of the living God

Fall afresh on me.

Daniel Iverson

May the breath of God inspire us

The power of God invigorate us

The fire of God ignite us

And the God of Pentecost be our blessing today and always. Amen

