2015 Pentecost

GATHERING



ENTRANCE

REFLECTION

We are the vessels of God's voice, her words blowing through us, bidding us to tell the tales that only we can speak.

Jan L. Richardson, *In Wisdom's Path*

CANDLE LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A wind breathes among us,

calling us to gather

in the name of the Holy One.

People: A fire burns within us,

calling us to service,

calling us to prayer.

Leader: A spirit moves around us,

calling us to turn in compassion

toward the sorrows of the world.

All: Burning, breathing Spirit,

we bring our lives to you.

INVOCATION

HYMN

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SILENCE

PRAYERS

CONFESSION

Leader: We turn away

from the wind of the Spirit

afraid to know our deepest desire.

Voice 1: We hide from our longing,

fearing to hear the voice of God.

Voice 2: We turn away

from the light of Christ

afraid to feel it burning within us.

Leader: We run from our calling,

fearing to see a hurting world.

All: We turn away

from the touch of God,

unwilling to trust this healing fire.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Leader: In a rush of wind,

the Spirit burns away our fears,

freeing us to carry the light of Christ into the world.

All: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

All: 0 Holy One, we come today

to claim our relationship with you.

We pray for the commitment to grow together,

sharing the gifts you give us with others

here and in the wider world.

Forgive us for the hurt we have inflicted,

and help us forgive those who have hurt us.

Give us strength and discipline

to nurture our relationship with you;

to care for every part of your creation;

to foster justice and be in solidarity with those in need;

to work to end all war, and violence, and discord;

and to respond joyfully when you call,

freely giving our selves as you have shown the way.

We open our hearts to you and your creation

in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ.

Amen.

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THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING

COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader 1: Holy Source of fire and wind, we give you thanks

that you open our hearts to the sound of

your voice,

and fill the world with abundant life.

People: We give you thanks for each breath we

take,

each opportunity to know the

pain of the world

as an invitation to spread your compassion and

grace.

Leader 2: We give you thanks for the gift of the Holy

Spirit,

blowing in us and around us and through

us,

giving voice to the yearnings of all

creation.

All: We give you thanks for Jesus, the Christ,

who heals all wounds with the warmth of

divine love,

and lights the way to justice and to

peace.

BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

Leader 1: Christ invites everyone to eat the bread of

life,

to drink the cup of the new covenant.

Leader 2: Jesus said, I am the bread of life.

You who come to me shall never hunger, you who believe in me shall never thirst.

Leader 1: On the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread,

and after giving thanks to God, broke it

and said,

This is my body,

broken for the healing of a broken world.
Whenever you eat it, do so remembering

 me .

Leader 2: After supper, Jesus took the cup and said,

This is the cup of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for all.

Whenever you drink it, do so remembering

me.

All: 0 Holy One, send down your

Spirit

that these gifts of bread

and cup

may be for us the body and

blood of Christ.

Unite us with Christ

forever

and bring us with the

whole creation

to your eternal realm.

SHARE THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

All: God of abundance and mercy, we give joyful thanks

for your eternal love and healing

presence

in our celebration of bread and cup.
Bless this body of Christ
that we may attend faithfully
to our call to be your servants,
 with each other and throughout the

world. Amen.

SHARED REFLECTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

BENEDICTION

Leader: God of all creation,

let your bright, intoxicating Spirit

send us out to spread your word like fire.

All: Amen.