

# Pentecost 2012

## 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.

## 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 of Compassion,  
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**

#### **ASSURANCE**

Leader:           In a rush of wind,  
the Spirit burns away our fears.

Our trust is in this healing fire.

Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT**

All:

O 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.

## **HYMN**

## **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.

## **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