

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

ASSURANCE

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: 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.

All:
Spirit

O Holy One, send down your

and cup

that these gifts of bread

blood of Christ.

may be for us the body and

forever

Unite us with Christ

whole creation

and bring us with the

to your eternal realm.

SHARE THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

All:

God of abundance and mercy,
we give joyful thanks

presence

for your eternal love and healing

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.