**Alternative Pentecost Office**

**Becoming present to God**

*Through a sign of attentiveness like open hands, lighting a candle and/or*

+ **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit**

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing

**Tune our hearts to sing Thy grace**

**Streams of mercy, never ceasing**

**Call for songs of loudest praise**

*or*

*Veni, Sancte Spiritus* (Taize)

**Celebrating the Presence of God**

Uncontainable God,

present within each situation

made real in Pentecostal fulness

through each and every tongue

**You lead us on**

**to where you are going**

Unbounded God, you lead us

in the dance of all creation

as we become who each of us

is called to be

**You lead us on**

**to where you are going**

We rejoice that

we can share by grace

in your multi-faceted mission

**You lead us on**

**to where you are going**

**Acknowledging our humanity**

Missionary Spirit,

When we close our ears to the call to reach beyond ourselves

**Spirit, awaken us**

When we confuse our programmes with your mission

**Spirit, reveal your way**

When we are frenetic in our activity instead of resting in you

**Spirit, centre us in you**

When we are over-anxious

about our survival,

remind us you are

gathering your people

**Spirit, complete your work**

When we limit your activity

to our institutions,

help us to dance with you

in the rhythms of life

**Spirit, send us**.

**Listening for the Word of God**

Readings from

*The Common Lectionary*

*Space is given*

*to reflect upon the Scriptures*

**Canticles**

‘See, I am coming soon;

my reward is with me,

to repay according to

everyone’s work.

**I am the Alpha and the Omega,**

the first and the last,

**the beginning and the end.**

The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’
**And let everyone who hears say, ‘Come.’**
And let everyone

who is thirsty come.

**Let anyone who wishes**

**take the water of life as a gift.**

Revelation 22:12-17 (NRSVA)

or

‘The Spirit of the Lord

is upon me,

because he has anointed me
**to bring good news to the poor.**

He has sent me to proclaim

release to the captives
**and recovery of sight to the blind,**
to let the oppressed go free,
**to proclaim the year**

**of the Lord’s favour.’**

Luke 4.18-19 (NRSVA)

**Reflecting on our roots**

***Living God, enable us this day***

***to be pilgrims and companions:***

***committed to the way of Christ,***

***faithful to the call of Christ,***

***discerning the mind of Christ,***

***offering the welcome of Christ,***

***growing in the likeness of Christ,***

***engaging in the mission of Christ,***

***in the world that belongs to Christ.***

**Bringing our concerns**

We thank you that in these days you are pouring out your Spirit

on all people:

**on those with sticky hands**

**and those whose hands**

**are wrinkled.**

On hands with skin of every colour,

hands that are manicured, or blistered, smooth-skinned or rough,

hands of women and men,

**Your Spirit reveals the wonders**

**of the heavens and the earth.**

May your Spirit enable us

to see the presence of God

in the small

and the ordinary things of life:

**in the smile of the hurting**

**in the laughter of the weeping**

**in the strength of the weak.**

We pray for courage

for those who prophesy,

the strength to those who speak out,

and for all, the willingness to change.

**Hear, then, our prayers**

**for those whose prophesies**

**have been muffled;**

**those whose dreams**

**have been squashed;**

**and those whose visions**

**have been stifled**

**though inequality,**

**discrimination or fear.**

*The Lord’s Prayer*

***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 for ever. Amen.***

**Going to love and serve**

*(prayed with open hands)*

As those who have received peace, **send us out as makers of peace;**

who have been

quickened by justice,

**send us out as pursuers of justice;**

who have been embraced by your mercy,

**send us out as lovers of mercy,**

**With anointed heads and overflowing cups of joy and grace.**

*Optional:*

+ **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit**

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