

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 fullness
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

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We rejoice that
we can share by grace
in your multi-faceted mission

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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 prophecies
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-
quickenened 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:

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