



Call to Worship:

In rushing wind and tongues of fire . . .

**the Church is born.**

In courage found and faith renewed . . .

**the Church gains strength.**

In visions seen and dreams made real . . .

**the Church blesses the world.**

In hopes rekindled and fears released . . .

**the Church leads the way.**

In rushing wind and tongues of fire . . .

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

*B.J. Beu, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024*

Gathering Prayer: (all)

**God of wind and fire, come and be with us. Energize us with power and jubilation. Loosen our spirits that we might share messages of inclusion. Open our hearts that we might receive your call to action. Fill us with your Spirit, great God of glory. Amen.**

*Laura Turnbull, Gathering Pentecost 1 2024*

\*\*Opening Hymn: Breathe on Me, Breath of God VU 382

Prayer of Self Reflection:

*Time for Silent Prayer*

Words of Assurance:

God searches the heart and the Spirit helps us in our weakness. Rejoice, sisters and brothers in Christ, God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*\*Hymn of Praise: It's a Song of Praise for the Maker MV 30

## The Word of God Proclaimed

Words from Our Bible:

Diane Robinson

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27

One: In this is the word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God**

Message:

## We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of our Gifts:

Today we celebrate the start of the church, the Day of Pentecost: the day when the church was filled with the Spirit. What God's Spirit moves us to do in our day may look foolish to others, but we know that giving generously is never foolish. Let us present our offerings.

Sung Response:        This is My Body        MV 177 Verse 3

**You are my body, born of my breathing;  
you are my hands, wrinkled or smooth;  
as you are living, learn to be loving,  
give me the best that you have.**

Prayer of Dedication:

Holy Spirit, help us feel your inspiration every day and in every place of our lives. Accept this gift we give through offerings, time and talent, and in many other ways to share your power and grace with others. Amen.

### Service of Table

Invitation:

Friends, Jesus invites us to share in this joyful feast!  
"People will come from east and west, from north and south,  
and take their places at the banquet in the kingdom of God."  
(Luke 13:29)

Come to the table. It's an open feast.

Christ invites us all—

the rich and the poor, the outcast and the honoured.

Come to this blessed table where Christ reigns.

Come and taste the kingdom of God, where all are welcome.

Invitation Hymn:        We Gather Here        VU 469

**Call to Give Thanks:**

The Spirit of God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Turn to God, the source of life.

**We lift our hearts in prayer.**

Let us give thanks.

**We offer joyful thanks to God.**

**Thanksgiving:**

Source and Sustainer of life,  
we gather at this table to offer thanks,  
and to taste afresh  
the wonder of a holy love.

In companionship with all creatures,  
we are one in gratitude  
for the gift and mystery of life,  
and one in longing for a world reborn.

Creator and Friend,  
we praise you for your presence  
in and with your creation,  
ever drawing it toward healing and wholeness.  
In our joy, you are the overflowing cup;  
in our need, you are the bread by which we journey on.  
With all who abide in your presence and care,  
we lift our voices to sing:

**Holy, holy, holy God,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Institution of the Lord's Supper:**

On the last night he spent with his friends,  
Jesus took an age-old tradition of his people  
and transformed it into something new.  
He took bread, staple food of his land,  
blessed and broke it, and gave it to those around him  
saying,

**“Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you.  
Whenever you do this, remember me.”**

After supper he took a cup of wine, common drink of his people,

and gave it to them, saying,

**“Drink this, all of you, this is the new covenant in my blood.**

**Each time you do this, remember me.”**

**Affirmation of Memory and Hope:**

By remembering Jesus in this way now,  
we claim our common heritage  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**Prayer for Transformation:**

Send, O covenant God, your Holy Spirit  
upon us and what we do here,  
that we and these gifts, empowered by your Spirit,  
may become signs of shalom  
to one another and to all peoples of the earth.

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, God most holy,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer:**

M. Furlong, The St. Hilda Community

**God, who cares for us,  
The wonder of whose presence fills us with awe.**

**Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world.  
Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.  
Give us the food and the hope we need for today.**

**Forgive us our wrongdoing  
as we forgive the wrongs done to us.  
Protect us from pride and from despair  
and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.**

**In you is truth, meaning, glory and power,  
while worlds come and go.  
Amen.**

**Breaking the Bread and Filling the Cup:**

*(Breaking of the Bread)*

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

**Thanks be to God for the bread of life.**

*(Pouring of the Cup)*

Jesus Christ, the True Vine.

**Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing.**

Come, for all things are now ready.  
The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup:**

*(Communion Servers please come forward. As you are served,  
please come forward from the centre aisle and return by the  
sides. The typical responses to receiving are “Amen” or “So be  
it” or “Thanks be to God”)*

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life

**Amen.**

Jesus Christ, our True Vine

**Amen**

**Prayer After Communion: (Together)**

Eternal and gracious One,  
though we live in a world of need,  
here we have tasted your goodness  
and hungered for a world more just.  
Though afflicted by brokenness and division,

