

Hymnic service with holy communion for Pentecost day

NOTES

- 1 The service follows the outline of the regular divine service with holy communion, with variations for Pentecost.
- 2 Well-known seasonal hymn verses and tunes have been used for sung parts of the liturgy.
3. A gospel procession is suggested as an option, to highlight the coming of Christ into the midst of his people. It may be done as follows. After the acclamation 'Glory to you, O Lord', two servers, each carrying a lit candle, go to the lectern and stand one on each side of it. A third server picks up the open Bible or lectionary, and the three walk side by side, with the minister following, to about a quarter or a third of the way down the central aisle of the nave. There the server carrying the Bible turns and holds it up while the minister reads the gospel from it. After the reading, and during the second acclamation 'Praise to you, O Christ', the procession returns the Bible to the lectern.

PREPARATION

ENTRANCE HYMN

During the hymn an entrance procession may be held.

OPENING SENTENCES

(Spoken)

God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom he has given us.

Come, Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life.

Fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Come, Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life.

IN THE NAME

(Spoken)

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Friends in Christ: Jesus said to his apostles: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you proclaim them unforgiven, unforgiven they remain.' Let us confess our sins to God our Father, and ask him to forgive us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord God, our heavenly Father,

I am a sinner

and I have sinned against you,

not only in my words and actions,

but also in my secret thoughts and desires

which I cannot fully know or understand,

but which you know completely.

I am sorry that I have displeased you,

and repent of the evil I have done.

For the sake of your dear Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord,

have mercy on me,

forgive my sins,

and graciously help me in my weakness. Amen.

As a called and ordained servant of the word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by his command, I forgive the sins of all of you who repent and believe, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PSALM

(Here or after the first reading)

LORD, HAVE MERCY

(Spoken)

Risen Lord Jesus, hear our prayer and give us your Spirit of life.
Lord, have mercy.

Risen Lord Jesus, hear our prayer and give us your Spirit of joy.
Christ, have mercy.

Risen Lord Jesus, hear our prayer and give us your Spirit of peace.
Lord, have mercy.

GLORY TO GOD

(Spoken)

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased.

(Sung to the tune of Lobt Gott den Herrn, ihr Heiden, LH 441)

**With joyful heart your praises bring
to God the fount of blessing;
his everlasting goodness sing,
his holy name confessing.
Our God let all creation bless;
he is our aid in all distress:
O bless his name forever!**

**Praise God, who from the cross and grave
has sent his Son from heaven;
his death, that did the guilty save,
eternal life has given.
He has redeemed our souls from hell;
now we with God in peace can dwell:
O bless his name forever!**

**Praise God, who by his Spirit's light
to faith in him awakes us;
and with his gifts of grace and might
he strong and steadfast makes us.
His word sheds light upon our way;
his grace inclines us to obey:
O bless his name forever.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

GREETING

(Spoken)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF PENTECOST DAY (COLLECT)

Let us pray (for the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts).

(Brief silence)

Lord God, you taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit. Fill us with the same Spirit, so that we may have a right judgment in all things and always rejoice in his holy comfort. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

(If not earlier)

SECOND READING

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HALLELUJAH RESPONSE

(Spoken)

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Hallelujah!

GOSPEL

A gospel procession may be held.

The gospel is announced.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

(Sung to the tune of Song 13 [Canterbury], LH 131)

**Holy Spirit, light divine,
shine upon this heart of mine;
chase the shades of night away,
turn the darkness into day.**

**Let me see my Saviour's face,
let me all his beauties trace;
show those glorious truths to me
which alone can make us free.**

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us* and for our salvation**

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic† and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* *This means:* us human beings

† *or:* Christian; '*catholic*' here means '*universal*'

HYMN

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

(Sung to the tune of Komm, o komm, LH 134)

Holy Spirit, strong and mighty,
constant, making all things new,
work in us to make us holy,
and the evil one subdue.

Grant us weapons for the strife,
and with victory crown our life.

Grant us wisdom, counsel, judgment,
guide our thoughts and all we do,

**that we may be always seeking
only that which pleases you;
let your knowledge spread and grow,
and all error overthrow.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The following or other prayers are said.

Let us pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the church.

We thank you, holy Father, that, as you had promised, you gave your Holy Spirit to all your people at Pentecost. Pour out your life-giving Spirit on your holy church throughout the world and equip its members with the gifts of your Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You brought light out of darkness and order out of chaos by your Spirit in the creation of the world. Let your Spirit move over our unruly world and heal its broken people.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You sent out your Spirit on the disciples like the rush of a mighty wind and distributed tongues of fire on their heads. Burn out all that is evil in us; consecrate all your people for holy service and empower them to work with you for the salvation of the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You inspired the disciples with your Spirit to praise your marvellous deeds in many different languages. Unloose the tongues of all your people, so that they may joyfully confess you as their Lord and boldly proclaim their common faith to all the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your Spirit touched the hearts of those who heard the gospel from Peter. Sharpen the consciences of those who hear your word and convince them

of its truth, so that they may turn from their sins and receive the gift of forgiveness.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You gave the Holy Spirit to all those who were baptised on the day of Pentecost. Let your Spirit renew the faith of all those who have been baptised, so that they may devote themselves in public worship to the teaching of the apostles, the giving of gifts to you, the breaking of bread in the Lord's supper, and the prayer of the church for the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You united people from many different nations and cultures by your Holy Spirit. Bring together those who have been divided by misunderstanding, hatred, and mistrust, and join us with them and all the angels as we adore you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREFACE

(Spoken)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good, Lord God, holy Father, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

When he had ascended above the heavens and was enthroned at your right hand, he poured out the promised Holy Spirit on his chosen people. At this the whole earth greatly rejoices, praising your name with many

tongues. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(Sung to the tune of LH 131)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
great and ever-present God.
Earth joins heaven as we sing:
Praise to our triumphant king.**

**In this place let us proclaim
Christ who comes in God's own name;
join with angels as we sing:
Glory to our holy king.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

(Spoken)

All praise and thanks be to you, eternal God, holy Father, together with your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, who unites your people in love. We thank you for creating all things. We thank you for calling and rescuing your chosen people. Above all we thank and praise you for keeping your promise to the people of old and sending your Son Jesus Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection for our salvation we remember as he comes to us in this holy meal.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said, Take and eat; this is † my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, Drink of it, all of you; this is † my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen our faith, so that we who receive the body and blood of Christ may live as true members of the body of your Son.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with these of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, now and forever, Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken)

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 forever. Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

(Sung to the tune of Nun danket all, LH 99)

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God,
you take away our sin,**

**you take the sin of all the world:
have mercy, make us clean.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God,
you take away our sin,
you take the sin of all the world:
have mercy, make us clean.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God,
you take away our sin,
you take the sin of all the world:
grant us your peace. Amen.**

INVITATION TO RECEIVE SACRAMENT

Jesus says: 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink.' Come, everything is ready.

DISTRIBUTION

DISMISSAL

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life eternal. Go in peace.†
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION SONG

(Sung to the tune of O heiliger Geist, LH 128)

**O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,
you comfort us in every need,
sent down to us from heaven's high throne,
from God the Father and the Son,
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.**

**O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,
make us to love your holy word.
Your flame of love to us impart,
that love for all may fill each heart,
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.**

**O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,
by you our souls to heaven are led.**

**Make us to strive with valour here,
and reign with you in glory there,
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

(Spoken)

Let us pray.

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have given us one Spirit to drink through the body and blood of your Son. Let your Holy Spirit unite us all in the holy fellowship of faith and love and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CONCLUSION

BLESSING

(Spoken)

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour †, and give you peace.

Amen.

HYMN