



Worship at Home for Pentecost

To worship at home on your own or with others in your household, choose a specific place - perhaps somewhere you can light a candle, and where you can sit undisturbed. Choose a time when you can be unhurried. Then read slowly through the service sheet, praying the prayers as you go. If you are with others, then one of you will need to take the lead and say the words in normal type with the other(s) reading the parts in bold. If it is just you, then read the bold phrases marked, but you might need to adapt them a little. Some people find it helps to read the prayers and responses aloud, even on their own. You'll find the readings, collect and reflection on a separate sheet that should have been circulated alongside this order of service. You might like to listen to the audio version of this service that you can find on www.lordsbridge.org whilst you follow the print version.

Gathering to Worship God

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Let us join together in worship

While he was with us Jesus said,

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever."

We come to celebrate God's gift today.

This gift is the Spirit of truth;

the one who teaches us;

the one who communicates God's love.

We come to celebrate God's gift today.

This gift is the Spirit of power;

the one who creates and renews;

the one who empowers and inspires.

We come to celebrate God's gift today.



Prayer of Confession

Jesus said: "If you love me you will keep my commandments".
Forgive us, Lord, for the times when this seems hard to do,
for the times when we put ourselves first.

Lord have mercy.

For the times when we put others before you.

Christ have mercy.

For the times when we do anything rather than listen
to the promptings of your Spirit.

Lord have mercy.

Forgive us, Lord, for all the excuses we make.

Forgive us, Lord.

**Teach us to listen to your voice,
and to act on what we hear. Amen**

The Collect

We gather our prayers in the words of the Collect (found with the reading and reflection)

Bible Readings and Reflection

See separate sheet

Affirming our faith

Let us witness to our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Prayers for others and ourselves

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We pray for the places in the world where there is poverty, fear and war.
May all who recognise your name hear you calling them to be peacemakers.
God in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

We pray for young Christians – young in years, young in faith.
May the faith we pass on to them be a reflection of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
God in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

We pray for our local churches.
May all who celebrate this Pentecost at home or gathered in church
experience your presence and be filled with power and joy.
God in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who are ill, or in trouble, or in any kind of need.
We pray for those who have died, for those who are safe in your love.
God in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

We pray for ourselves, our hopes, our questions, our needs, our dreams:
Come, holy and life-giving Spirit, renew our lives with love.
God in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn

A Prayer for Pentecost

Almighty God, since without you we can do no good thing,
may your Spirit make us wise;
may your Spirit guide us;
may your Spirit renew us;
may your Spirit strengthen us
so that we will be strong in faith;
discerning in proclamation;
courageous in witness;
and persistent in good deeds.

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In the name of Christ. Amen

Closing words

The God of Pentecost fill you with the knowledge of his love and power,
lead you into the possibilities that God is opening up for you,
and bring you His joy and hope and peace
and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you, and those whom you love, now and always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
in the name of Christ. Amen

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