Prayers of Intercession

Response- Send us your spirit O Lord, that we may live

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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Sign of Peace

Commissioning Prayer

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, because the Lord has anointed us to bring good news to the poor. 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. Amen! Alleluia!

LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION

Text: Jeffrey Rowthorn Tune: Hyfrydol

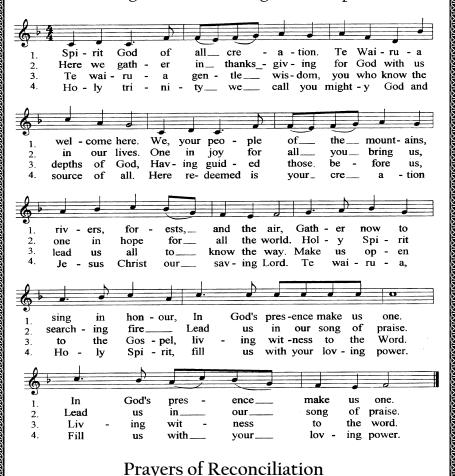
Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptise and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
 Life abundant meant for each,
 Give us all new fervour, draw us
 Closer in community;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
 For the work of ministry

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
May we serve as you intend,
And, amid the cares that claim us,
Hold in mind eternity;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry

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'Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power'



Response- Kyrie Eleison - Lord Have Mercy

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Dear Friends, let us pray as we gather for this service of prayer for unity, mindful of our Christian heritage and God's liberating and saving action in human history that the Holy Spirit may be with us...

(Prayed by alternating sides of the church beginning with the left side)

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name.

Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts
Give us light and strength to know your will,
to make it our own, and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for all: enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favour.

Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name may we temper justice with love, so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants.

(*Together*) For You live and reign with the Father and the Son, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acts 2:1-11

When the the day of Pentecost had come...

COME GRACIOUS SPIRIT

Text: Phillip Armes, Tune: O Waly Waly (Lord Make Me an Instrument)

Come gracious Spirit, heavenly dove, With light and comfort from above; Be thou our guardian, and our guide; O'er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display
And make us know and choose thy way;
Plant holy fear in every heart,
That we from God may ne'er depart.

Lead us to Christ, the living Way,
Nor let us from his pastures stray:
Lead us to holiness, the road
That we must take to dwell with God.

Lead us to heaven, that we may share Fullness of joy for ever there; Lead us to God, our final rest, To be with him for ever blest.



Philipppians 2:1-5

If our life in Christ means anything...

Alleluia

(sung)

John 17: 20-26

I pray... that they may be one...

Homily

BAPTISED IN WATER

Text: Michael A. Saward Tune: BUNESSAN

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King: heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King: one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King: born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.