

## RESPONSIVE BLESSING

### South Side

Spirit of laughter –  
Spirit of fire –  
Spirit of creation –  
Spirit of peace –

### North Side

Spirit of vision –  
Spirit of imagination –  
Spirit of promise –  
Spirit of mischief –  
Spirit of love –

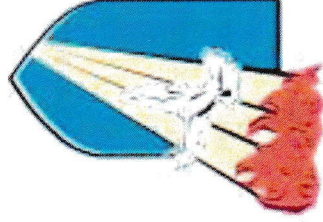
### North Side

make laughter within us.  
build fire within us.  
create anew in us  
make peace in us

### South Side

envision in us  
fire imagination in us  
keep promise through us  
make mischief in us  
be love in us

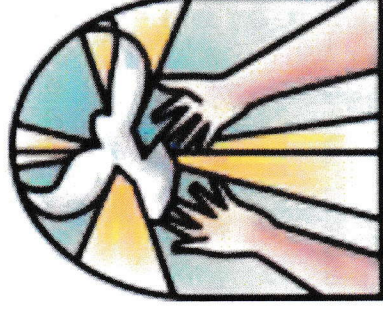
Hymn 656 She Comes Sailing on the Wind



# THE DAY OF PENTECOST

## A CELEBRATION OF

## FIRE AND SPIRIT



Emmanuel Church, Spryfield

**So, Holy One, may we live to your glory. Amen**

## **THE PEACE**

Not an easy peace, not an insignificant peace,  
not a half-hearted peace,  
but the peace of Christ is with us now.  
Let us share it with one another...

**Offertory Hymn 408 Wind upon the Waters**

## **EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY**

### Invitation to the Table

Parthian, Mede, Elamite, and Judean, those from Capadocia, Pontus, Phrygia and Pamphylia, people of Africa, Asia, Europe, the Americas, Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific, the Atlantic, the Indian and Arctic Oceans; First Nations, Immigrants, the Spirit calls you to gather, to come by this place and meet with heaven. Come now and take your place at the front door of eternity.

### Thanksgiving

The bread and wine lie silently on the table – harmless, still, gentle in the quiet of this place. Yet voices of every language have cried aloud because of it. Throats have been cleared in protest, inspired by its content. Proclamation roared in response to its message. Cries of anguish have been raised because of its consequences. Pain and distress result from its politics. We, at this time and in this place, join the voices rising from the saints in every time and place:

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

The quietest of places now becomes the loudest message to the world. As we remember you breaking bread, spilling with destiny and hope.

The prophets were charged, filled with inspiration and promise. Ezekiel, filled by the light and truth of the Spirit, prophesied: "The Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a loud rumbling sound - May the Glory of God be praised in God's dwelling place!"

And on an ordinary day, among ordinary people, there came a cascade of noise and a flash in the heavens. In tongues of fire the place was bathed in red, oranges and golds exploding like crushed light breaking free from a thousand candles. It was Pentecost and this was the Holy Spirit

The Spirit is at work still today – tearing down walls, seeking freedom and unity, empowering the people of God. Empower us Holy Spirit!

**Hymn SB 57 I am the Church** (Remain seated as streamers like wind are moved through the congregation)

## **RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

Leader: Spirit, Fire, Power, Energy,

**All: You are our creator and we praise you.**

Leader: Come and riot in our souls with your intensity and spin new possibilities within us.

Leader: Spirit, Guide, Promise, Wisdom,

**All: You are the wise one and we love you.**

Leader: Come and surprise our souls with your effervescence and create a new marvel within us.

Leader: Spirit, Peacemaker, Truth-teller, World-builder,

**All: You are the subversive dove and we follow you.**

## **Hymn CP 251 Come, Ever Blessed Spirit, Come**

**Leader:** In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters and brought forth life. Come Holy Spirit!

**All: Breathe on us we pray**

**Leader** At times the Spirit of God was seen as a dove, a symbol of peace. Come, Holy Spirit!

**All: Breathe on us we pray**

**Leader** At times, the Spirit of God blows like the wind or sings like breath – God's breath. Come Holy Spirit!

**All: Breathe on us we pray**

**Leader** On the Day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God appeared as tongues of fire, igniting the church. Come, Holy Spirit!

**All: Breathe on us we pray**

**Leader:** Through the prophet Joel, God promised to pour out the Spirit on all people – men, women, young and old. Come, Holy Spirit!

**All: Breathe on us we pray**

**Leader:** Come, Holy Spirit – life-giver, peacemaker, wind and flame of the prophets. We invite you into this place. Come, Holy Spirit!

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Acts 2:1-23    **Gradual Hymn CP 252 Spirit Come Dispel our Sadness**

## **A MEDITATION**

In the beginning before anything, before you and me, just as the universe began to be created - there was a wind, an energy, a spirit that brooded, hovering across the face of the empty creation, the Spirit said let there be light and the Spirit breathed life into form and beauty into existence.      Welcome, Holy Spirit!

We recall you asking all to eat it – your body, full of promise – asking everyone to join all heaven in the journey through death to life. We recall you lifting the wine - alive with covenant, invested with love forgiveness – as you invited all to experience and share the taste of heaven. We do this, alive to your Spirit, full of mischief and intrigue, mystery and intent. As we gather the story breaks open once again for all the world. Send your Spirit to transform these ordinary foods – bread and wine – into agents of your presence in our lives. May they nourish us and challenge us to be the Body Christ in the world. Awaken us, O Spirit. Envelop this holy space - endowed in love – and allow this sacred moment to unnerve the world through our involvement with heaven. **Amen**

As our Saviour has taught us, let us pray...

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

We cannot take the bread and wine and forget those who are hungry. Your world is one world and we are stewards of its nourishment, **Strengthen us to put our prosperity at the service of the poor.**

**Communion Hymns – SB 55 and 23**

## **THANKSGIVING PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

In gratitude, in deep gratitude  
for this moment, this meal, these people  
we give ourselves to you.

**Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Body of Christ and cannot remain the same.**

**Ask much from us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us.**



Leader: Come and cause uproar in our souls with your peace and birth a new reality within us. **Amen.**

## **ENGAGING PENTECOST... A REFLECTION**

**Choir Anthem – Pentecost Alleluia**

### **A STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**We are the people of the dream-weaver  
who put wonder into fjords,  
perfume into roses and colour into laughter.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit!**

**We are the people of the justice-maker  
who finds the crack in every prejudice, stirs discontent into the  
oppressed, and puts voice in the throats of the silenced.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit!**

**We are the people of the Spirit-guide, who knows the meaning of  
adventure, opens up the world to our imaginings, and calls us into it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit!**

**We are the people of the world, who know your voice, recognize  
your hand, and struggle to answer your call.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit!**

### **PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Holy Spirit, stir your church in the world to love and forgiveness, to integrity and generosity, to strong yet sensitive leadership.

**All: Hear our prayer, O Holy One**

Holy Spirit, guide the leaders of the world to bold and noble ideas and actions, creating freedom and peace for the human family.

**All: Hear our prayer, O Holy One**

Holy Spirit, inspire your people toward healing and wholeness and toward blessing for one another.

**All: Hear our prayer, O Holy One**

Holy Spirit, move your people toward a new justice for all of creation, a caring for the waters and crusts of the earth and all life.

**All: Hear our prayer, O Holy One**

Holy Spirit, awaken in your people a kind and gentle spirit toward those in need of food, medicine, shelter, safety, life's essentials.

**All: Hear our prayer, O Holy One**

**Holy Spirit, we dedicate ourselves to be channels of your grace in  
the world to do our part in fulfilling Gods' dreams for all of creation.  
Amen.**

