

Pentecost Sunday - June 5 2022

Order of Service

### **Call to Worship**

Brothers and sisters,  
as we celebrate again the festival of Pentecost,  
we remember how our crucified and risen Lord  
poured out his life-giving Spirit upon the waiting Church.  
And so I greet you and call you to worship with these words:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. (Revelation 1:4-5)

You are worthy, Our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.' (Revelation 4:11)

By the gift of the Spirit  
God the Father brought to completion the work of Christ.  
Our God has lead us into all truth  
and given us power to proclaim the gospel to the whole world.

And so let its sing a song of praise

## Opening Song - Agnus Dei

Alleluia Alleluia  
For our Lord God Almighty reigns  
Alleluia Alleluia  
For our Lord God Almighty reigns  
Alleluia

Holy Holy  
Are You Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb  
Worthy is the Lamb  
You are Holy

Holy  
Are You Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb  
Worthy is the Lamb  
Amen

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### **Prayer of Invocation**

Come to us God of Hope. Come to us with your promises.

Come in your mysterious presence.

Come, that we may marvel at your faithfulness in past generations;

That we may celebrate the new things you are doing among us today;

That we may be your pilgrim people after the character of Jesus our

Lord. Come to us God of Hope. **Amen.**

### **Song of praise - Oceans (where feet may fail)**

You call me out upon the waters

The great unknown where feet may fail

And there I find You in the mystery

In oceans deep my faith will stand

And I will call upon Your Name

And keep my eyes above the waves

When oceans rise

My soul will rest in Your embrace

For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters

Your sovereign hand will be my guide

Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me

You've never failed and You won't start now

So I will call upon Your Name

And keep my eyes above the waves

When oceans rise

My soul will rest in Your embrace

For I am Yours and You are mine, oh

And You are mine, oh

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders

Let me walk upon the waters

Wherever You would call me

Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Saviour

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In the presence of my Saviour

I will call upon Your Name  
Keep my eyes above the waves  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
I am Yours and You are mine

## **Confession**

For our foolish or careless use of the gifts of your creation.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our indifference to the needs of others, our sisters and brothers for whom you died:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For our neglect of the means of grace, for superficial worship, for selfish prayer:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **Word of Assurance**

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 - Those who are in Christ Jesus are a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

## **We give our all to God - symbolic in the offertory**

### **Offertory**

Let us, in unity, bring our gifts to share for ministry with all God's people.

### **Offertory Prayer**

We offer these humbly, God of all. Draw our community to be one of loving kindness, where we allow the Spirit to flow through to the wider society around. May this offering be part of the gift of compassion we share through you with all our neighbours.

Information about the offertory should be provided on any order of service that might be handed out - as follows

***The Offertory** - A Retiring Offertory opportunity is located at the door otherwise please consider making your offertory by Direct Debit to*

*Account Name – St Georges UC-General*

*BSB Number – 641 800      Account Number – 200354335*

## Ministry of the Word

We bring our all and that is a desire to follow.

We follow first by listening to the word of God

A prayer that might be used before the readings:

Holy One,

open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed,  
we may hear your word with joy. Amen.

## Bible readings

Lukes record of the Acts of the Apostles - 2:1-14 and 22-24

**2** On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. **2** Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting.

**3** Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. **4** And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

**5** At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. **6** When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

**7** They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, **8** and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! **9** Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, **10** Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!” **12** They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other.

**13** But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, “They’re just drunk, that’s all!”

**14** Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this.....

**22** ..... God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know. **23** But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him. **24** But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip.

**Sermon - Michael Palmer**

During the sermon the following readings will be read

**St.Paul’s Letter to the Galatians - 5:22-23**

**22** But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

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**St.Paul’s Letter to the Romans 12:4-8**

**4** Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, **5** so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

**6** In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. **7** If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. **8** If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

## **Song - Consuming fire**

There must be more than this  
 O breath of God, come breathe within  
 There must be more than this  
 Spirit of God, we wait for you  
 Fill us a new, we pray  
 Fill us a new, we pray

Consuming fire  
 Fan into flame  
 A passion for your name  
 Spirit of God  
 Would You fall in this place  
 Lord have your way  
 Lord have your way with us

Come like a rushing wind  
 Clothe us with power from on high  
 Now set the captives free  
 Leave us abandoned to your praise  
 Lord let your glory fall  
 Lord let your glory fall

Consuming fire  
 Fan into flame  
 A passion for your name  
 Spirit of God  
 Would you fall in this place  
 Lord have your way  
 Lord have your way

Consuming fire  
 Fan into flame  
 A passion for your name  
 Spirit of God



Fall in this place  
 Lord have your way  
 Lord have your way with us

Come like a rushing wind  
 Clothe us with power from on high  
 Now set the captives free  
 Leave us abandoned to your praise  
 Lord let your glory fall  
 Lord let your glory fall

Consuming fire, Fan into flame  
 A passion for your name, Spirit of God  
 Would You fall in this place  
 Lord have your way  
 Lord have your way

Consuming fire, Fan into flame  
 A passion for your name, Spirit of God  
 Would you fall in this place  
 Lord have your way  
 Lord have your way with us

## **Notices**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

With all Christians everywhere,  
 we believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
 The Father, who made everything,  
 sent his Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins.  
 Jesus rose again as Lord of all,  
 And will return in glory to judge and to save.  
 God sent his Holy Spirit to live in us  
 That we might grow to be more like Jesus. Amen

## Prayers - concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Gentle One,

You breathe through our days and connect us as God's people. We pray for our Christian family as we draw together in prayer. We pray for unity in our voices and actions.

For social inclusion,

that we speak clearly in the public space about the value of each member of society.

For those in poverty,

that we work to support them with practical care in our society of plenty. For creation care,

that we listen to the groans of Creation and support ways to bring health and wellbeing to your glorious realm.

For speaking out against abuse and violence,

that we offer safe spaces and compassionate care for those affected.

For violence and abuse present in our Christian communities,

that we recognise and seek ways to end this, creating safe places, education, compassion, and care,

that as a people of God, we support each to live in the way of Jesus.

Pentecost Spirit,

draw us together, hearing the voices of all your people, so that we learn from the dreams of what has gone before and listen to the visions of all that is ahead.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 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 forever. Amen**

## Concluding Song - How great is our God (How Great Thou Art)

The splendour of a King, clothed in majesty  
 Let all the Earth rejoice  
 All the Earth rejoice

He wraps himself in light  
 And darkness tries to hide  
 And trembles at His voice  
 Trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me  
 How great is our God, and all will see  
 How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands  
 And time is in His hands  
 Beginning and the end  
 Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One  
 Father Spirit Son  
 The Lion and the Lamb  
 The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, sing with me  
 How great is our God, and all will see  
 How great, how great is our God

Name above all names (how great is our God, sing with me)  
 Worthy of our praise (how great is our God, and all will see)  
 My heart will sing  
 How great is our God

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You're the name above all names (how great is our God, sing with me)  
You are worthy of our praise (how great is our God, and all will see)  
And my heart will sing  
How great is our God

How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God

How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God

How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art

### **Blessing and Dismissals**

The Grace of Christ attend you;  
the love of God surround you;  
the Holy Spirit keep you; this day and forever. Amen

Go out into the world in the power of the Spirit;  
in all things, at all times,  
remember that Christ is with you;  
make your life your worship to the praise and glory of God. **Amen**