

St Paul's Zoom Worship - Sunday 31st May 2020 – Come Holy Spirit

As God's people we have gathered:

let us worship him together.

Be with us, Spirit of God;

nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God

fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

bring strength, healing and peace.



Introduction: Pentecost

You might like to draw five circles on a sheet of paper with these words:

Harvest, Law, Wind, Fire, Languages

In the Old Testament the feast of Pentecost or Shavuot was a festival for expressing thankfulness to the Lord for the blessing of the harvest. The celebration is also tied to the giving of the Ten Commandments to the people through Moses on Mount Sinai.

Hymn: Breathe on me, breath of God

Verse 1

Breathe on me, breath of God:
fill me with life anew,
that I may love as you have loved
and do as you would do.

Verse 2

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours
to do and to endure.

Verse 3

Breathe on me, breath of God;
fulfil my heart's desire,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your heavenly fire.

Verse 4

Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

Holy Spirit come to us. Kindle in us the fire of your love.

Holy Spirit come to us. Holy Spirit come to us.

Taizé Response. Songwriters: Traditional / Jacques Berthier

Prayer of Penitence (*a time to say sorry to God*)

All: Lord kindle in us the fire of your love.

**Have mercy upon us, forgive us where we have sinned,
and help us to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Absolution

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading: Acts 2: 1-21 *(The Message)*

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;
Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,
Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;
Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;
Even Cretans and Arabs!



"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?" Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

"In the Last Days," God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters; your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams. When the time comes, I'll pour out my Spirit on those who serve me, men and women both, and they'll prophesy. I'll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood-red, before the Day of the Lord arrives, the Day tremendous and marvellous; and whoever calls out for help to me, God, will be saved."

Reflection

Reflective Song: Holy Spirit you are welcome here

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close,
nothing can compare You're our living hope Your presence Lord.
I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free, and my shame is undone Your presence Lord.

Holy Spirit, you are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your Glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by your presence, Lord

Let us become more aware of your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your Goodness.

*Source: Musixmatch Songwriters: Torwalt Bryan James / Torwalt Katie
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Creed

Let us declare our faith and trust in God.

**All: 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.**

Intercessions

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

We may use the following response

Lord, come to bless us **And fill us with your Spirit**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who 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.**

We share the Peace

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you. Alleluia!**

Lighting of our candles (*please can you have a candle and matches ready*)



Hymn: Shine Jesus Shine

Verse 1

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

*Shine, Jesus, shine
fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light.*

Verse 2

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine...

Verse 3

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me
Shine, Jesus, shine...

Songwriters: Kendrick Graham A Shine Jesus Shine lyrics © Make Way Music

As part of God's Church here in Egham Hythe, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.



Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

We will.

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

We will.

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

We will.

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

We will.

Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing ...

Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.