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Worship Resources for Pentecost

The Spirit of God overcomes division and creates unity. Drawing on the blessing of our double birth right as both Catholic and Reformed, here are some resources from a variety of traditions.

From the **Roman Catholic** tradition, a video of Dan Schutte's Litany of the Holy Spirit. <https://youtu.be/nhFlfm8cy9w>

From the **Orthodox** pneumatology of St Seraphim of Sarov, the hymn to the Holy Spirit sung in four part polyphony at Vespers each evening by the Fraternite Monastique de Jerusalem. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxMkzIB4LRQ>

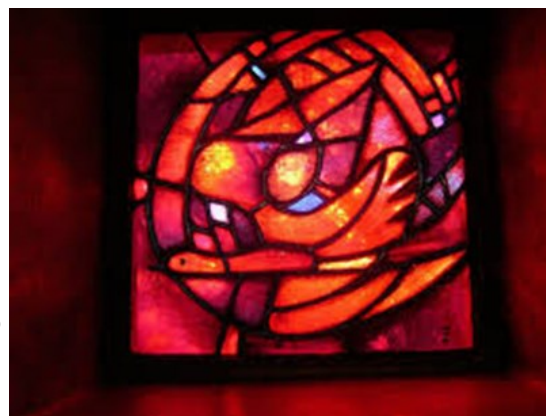
Fire and light shining on the Face of Christ.
Fire whose dawn is the Word.
Fire whose silence is light.
Fire which ignites our thanksgiving:
We laud and magnify you.

You who rest upon Christ,
Spirit of wisdom and knowledge,
Spirit of counsel and strength,
Spirit of truth and the fear of the Lord:
We laud and magnify you.

You who search out the depths of God,
You who illumine the eyes of our hearts,
You who join our spirits to yours,
You, through whom we reflect the glory of God:
We laud and magnify you!

From the **Taizé Community** a polyglot version of the chant Veni Sancte Spiritus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmxXwAqkhWQ>

From **The Iona Community**, For This Time Being: A Pentecost Communion liturgy by Pat Bennett (PDF+PPT download) with PDF and PowerPoint formats and Worship Resources for Pentecost, digital download from Fire and Bread by Ruth Burgess. <https://www.ionabooks.com/product/worship-resources-for-pentecost/>



Marking Pentecost Online

Dan Schutte, hymn writer and spiritual guide has created an online **Novena to the Holy Spirit** for Pentecost with daily downloads, hymns and texts for meditation. <https://www.ncronline.org/news/spirituality/novena-pentecost-feast-ascension?clickSource=email>

A **worldwide rolling vigil** (30-40 minutes) will take place on the eve of Pentecost, Saturday 30th May combining testimonies, artistic expressions, symbolic and interactive moments. The Vigil be celebrated three times as the night arrives to Asia, Europe/Africa and the Americas. Further information will be available on the YouTube account of the Society of Jesus later in the week. www.jesuit.org.uk



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Pentecost and the Online Church

In **Musings in Lockdown**, a blogger correlates our current experience of having to do church online with the trajectory God's spirit unleashed at Pentecost and argues that online ministry is here to stay for three reasons:

Roman Roads

'On the Day of Pentecost people from all over the known world converged on Jerusalem. ...and returned ... from preaching the good news about Jesus and establishing communities of disciples. Today, the internet links every person in every nation on earth together in one worldwide community. Today's roads are the engagements and interactions that happen every day via social media and other online activity.



Printing Press

The invention of the printing press and the flames it fanned during the Reformation in Europe cannot be underestimated. Thanks to the printing press and the timely power of his message, Luther became the world's first best-selling author. Luther's translation of the New Testament into German sold 5,000 copies in just two weeks. From 1518 to 1525, Luther's writings accounted for a third of all books sold in Germany. Not only does the internet provide the route to one another across the globe it also provides the content. It's our modern day 'printing press'. Blogs, podcasts, online articles, websites, apps, video channels, e-books, live streaming, Facebook live, Instagram [the list goes on] all enable us to put out content that will be read, watched or listened to for years to come. ... [Digital media] today's printing press.

19th century migration from rural to urban

The 1800s saw a mass migration of people in England from rural to urban settings. In 1801 it is estimated that between 30-35% of the population lived in towns and cities. By 1901 that figure was somewhere between 65-70%. The Church of England tried to develop its parish system in these burgeoning centres of population but with little success. ... [In contrast] the Methodists with their agile and nimble structures ... were successful in the cities [because it] was able to adapt to the changing culture and new forms of church quickly emerged.

The world has moved online. The vast majority of the population has migrated to a new virtual space. The internet. And we need to adjust to the changing landscape and adapt what we do and how we do it in order to reach the people who now live in that space.

There you have it. Three moments in history when sociological changes gave rise to a renewal of faith across society. We are at one of those moments.

Living in the midst of a global pandemic is not comfortable but it has forced the church to occupy some space that up to now we've not been fully convinced it's a space we should inhabit. Well, we're here now. Let's get used to it. Welcome to the new normal.

<https://www.musingsinlockdown.com/blog/three-reasons-the-church-needs-to-stay-online?fbclid=IwAR0iXz-T9mzeat2IZPqbF9iKVdDHcYzDvQ-w8d-qLAUyyv24jv0vwoAELsM>

Prayer and Spirituality

The **Rev'd Nerys Brown**, Rector St Mary's Dunblane invites those in the vicinity to walk the labyrinth on the Rectory lawn at St Mary's and visit the Peace Tree and Quiet Garden on their daily walk.

<http://church.stmarysdunblane.org/labyrinth/>





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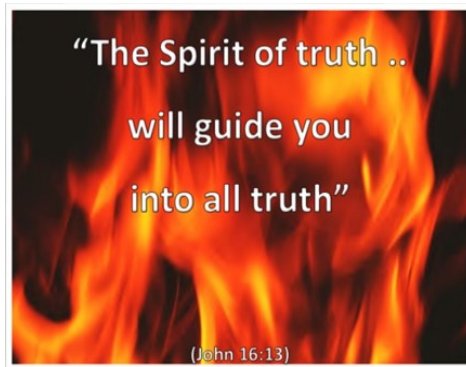
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The **Rev'd Liz Crumlish**, Path of Renewal, shares this prayer for Pentecost based on [John 16:12-13](#)

"You cannot bear them now...
When the Spirit comes..."
Lord you spoke these words
to your disciples
enfolded in their own grief
and puzzlement

In the midst of trauma
yours was the cautious voice
of
waiting
the consoling voice
of promise

In your infinite compassion
you made space
urging them to do the same



In these times,
we, like the disciples
are anxious to know
and understand
and impatient
to act.

Calm our jets, Lord
Show us how to wait
Still our racing reactivity
Encourage us to care for ourselves
before we barge on
with fixing the world
or even the church.

Reassure us
that yours is a long term call
that warrants
patience
kindness
gentleness
humility
compassion
and love
for ourselves
and others.

Enable us
to sit contemplatively
with unanswered questions
to nurture
our grieving spirits
to make space for you
to pour in your healing and your wisdom
in your time
when you consider
that we are able to bear it

And Lord
through the great cacophony
of voices
urging us this way and that
enable us to discern
your still, small voice
of clarity
and purpose.
So may it be.

Lis Burke, Warden of Readers sent in this prayer from the Holy Island of Lindisfarne

For our world, and for ourselves
this day and always

This day
God lingers
where others can only offer
fleeting thought

God lingers
with those who labour
to bring new life
into being

with those who grieve
for love lost
and hopes dashed

God lingers
with those who celebrate
the gift of beauty
in their midst

with those who are lost
in a tunnel of darkness
with no end in sight

This day
within the ordinary
and the extraordinary
God lingers
breathing love
embracing despair

murmuring
hope

God lingers
with us
and all
creation
this day
and for
evermore

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A New Pentecost for Creation?



Recent months of lockdown have seen air quality improve dramatically, less pollutants released into the air and water systems and varieties of bird and animal life reclaim their rightful place in creation. What are we – the stewards of God’s creation- willing to learn from this? Could this be a new Pentecost for Creation?

‘Safeguarding the integrity of creation, and sustaining and renewing the life of the earth’ is one of the Anglican Communion’s Five Marks of Mission. **The Revd Canon Dr Rachel Mash**, Environmental Coordinator for Green Anglicans, from the Anglican Church of Southern Africa unpacks what this means here

<https://www.anglicannews.org/features/2020/03/the-five-marks-of-mission-five-to-strive-to-safeguard-the-integrity-of-creation-and-sustain-and-renew-the-life-of-the-earth.aspx>

Laudato Sii, **Pope Francis** Encyclical on Care for the Planet, marks its fifth anniversary this week. Earthbeat: Stories of Climate Crisis, Faith & Action offers an ongoing range of resources to enable our churches to engage <https://www.ncronline.org/earthbeat>



Eco Congregation Scotland offers a variety of resources to help us engage with the environmental mission of the church. Whether we are looking to take action at home or to become a registered congregation, all resources are free to use.

<https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/>

Children in Lockdown



Scripture Union in conjunction with the Mental Health Foundation have developed a Mental Health Suite to support the many children and young people who are struggling with their mental health during lockdown. Resources for children, youth workers, parents and carers free to download from <https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/lockdown>

The Scottish Bible Society offers a wonderful range of resources for helping children to know the bible. Their resources are free to download and are perfect for use online or when time allows in group settings. Examples include a video of Daniel in the lions' den [bible.scot/daniel-allage-resource](https://scottishbiblesociety.org/resources/moses-and-the-israelites-escaping-egypt/) ; a powerpoint presentation on Moses and the Israelites escaping Egypt <https://scottishbiblesociety.org/resources/moses-and-the-israelites-escaping-egypt/>

Clergy Reflection Group

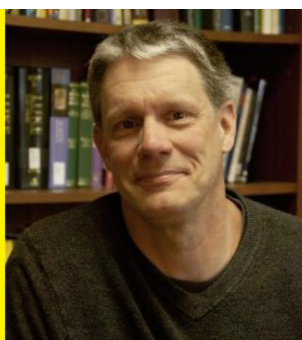
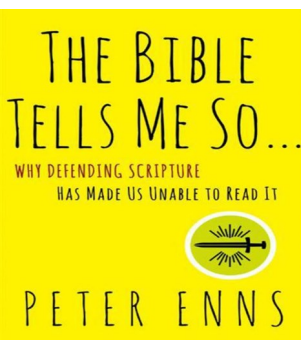
This group is open to all priests in the Diocese. You don't have to have been before to log in. Nor does one visit commit you to having to come back. The group's purpose is to reflect on presbyteral ministry and although it is indeed supportive its purpose is not to be a support group or a place to do diocesan business. We meet on Wednesday mornings from 1030-1130 on Zoom. Log in details from bishopsec@standrews.anglican.org.

On 20th May The Rev'd David Mackenzie-Mills, St Paul's Kinross, led a reflection on lessons learnt, challenges faced and future hopes post lockdown.

On 27th May, prompted by a view of Angus on her morning walk, Rev'd Elaine Garman, St John's Forfar & St Margaret's, Lunanhead will reflect on Truth.



Suggested Reading



When we open the Bible and read it, we are eavesdropping on an ancient spiritual journey. That journey was recorded over a thousand-year span of time, by different writers, with different personalities, at different times, under different circumstances, and for different reasons ... The Bible just doesn't work well as a point-by-point exhaustive and timelessly binding list of instructions about God and the life of faith. But it does work as a model for our own spiritual journey. An inspired model, in fact.

God did not design scripture to while away a hushed afternoon in an oak-panelled library. Instead, God has invited us to participate in a wrestling match, a forum for us to be stretched and to grow. This book, gives permission for the wrestling to begin. You can watch an interview with Peter Enns, here <https://vimeo.com/420118398/f807de934c>



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And finally

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Please keep
one bishop-length apart.



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