

## A SIMPLE EVENING LITURGY

As we wait and watch for the Holy Spirit to come to us at Pentecost let us pray

**Come holy spirit  
Draw us into the lord's presence  
In the son who so loved us.  
He gave his very life for us  
That god could, would look upon us  
With favour and kindness.  
Help us to say 'yes'  
To all of his holy purpose**

### Opening Responses

*Leader:* Peace on each one who comes in need.

*ALL:* **Peace on each one who comes in joy.**

*Leader:* Peace on each one who offers prayers.

*ALL:* **Peace on each one who offers song.**

*Leader:* Peace of the Maker, Peace of the Son.

*ALL:* **Peace of the spirit, the triune one.**

### Song

#### Prayer

*Leader:* O God, for your love for us, warm and brooding,  
which has brought us to birth and opened our eyes  
to the wonder and beauty of creation.

*ALL:* WE GIVE YOU THANKS

*Leader:* For your love for us, wild and freeing,  
which has wakened us to the energy of creation:  
to the sap that flows  
the blood that pulses,  
the heart that sings.

*ALL:* WE GIVE YOU THANKS

*Leader:* For your love for us, compassionate and patient,

which has carried us through our pain,  
wept beside us in our sin,  
and waited with us in our confusion.

*ALL:* WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

*Leader:* For your love for us, strong and challenging,  
which has called us to risk for you,  
asked for the best in us,  
and shown us how to serve,

*ALL:* WE GIVE YOU THANKS

*Leader:* O God, we come to celebrate  
that your Holy Spirit is present deep within us,  
and at the heart of all life.  
Forgive us when we forget your gift of love  
made known to us in Jesus,  
and draw us into your presence.

## **The word of God**

### **Reflection**

### **Prayers of concern**

*Leader:* We thank you God, for our communities: family, church, workplace,  
clubs, school ... We pray that we will be bearers of your light to each  
group we are involved with as we maintain contact in these strange  
times

*ALL:* **May we shine as a light to the world**

*Leader:* We thank you God  
for all the gifts that you give to each one of us someone who is hurting  
tonight and needs our prayer

*ALL:* **May we use them to your glory**

*Leader:* We pray for relationships, families and communities that are broken  
and fragmented by hatred and disharmony.

*ALL:* **May we bring your peace**

*Leader:* We hold out to God all those who are not aware of being a member

of any community because of isolation and loneliness.

*ALL:* **May we bring your love to them**

*Leader:* We hold out to God all those who are in our community but who we would prefer not to notice, or who we would prefer not to be there

*ALL:* **May our eyes be opened to see them as fellow brothers and sisters and as God's precious children**

*Leader:* We thank God for this community at our worship tonight and for the many gifts we have between us. We pray that we will use them to the glory of the Lord ,

*ALL:* Amen.

### **Closing Responses**

*Leader:* O Trinity of Love,  
You have been with us at the world's beginning.

*ALL:* **Be with us till the world's end.**

*Leader:* You have been with us at our life's shaping.

*ALL:* **Be with us till the day's end.**

AMEN.

### **Blessing**

*Leader:* As we watch and wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost  
May the Lord give us all enlightenment and guidance  
That we open our hearts and minds to receive all the love offered to us  
As we contact those in let us be beacons of peace and love and hope

AMEN

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