



## **Morning Prayer for Pentecost** From Ascension through Trinity Sunday

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

#### Introductory Responses

Your love, O God, has been poured into our hearts.  
**We abide in you and you in us.**  
We will give thanks to you and call upon your name;  
**we will make known your deeds among the peoples.**  
We raise our songs of praise to you  
**and speak of all your marvellous works.**  
You alone are the Holy One,  
**who was and is and is to come!** <sup>297</sup>

*Or*

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us,  
**and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia.** <sup>298</sup>

Blessed are you, creator God,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters  
bringing light and life to your creation,  
pour out your Spirit on us today  
so that we may walk as children of light  
and by your grace reveal your presence. <sup>299</sup>

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.** <sup>300</sup>

*or*

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.** <sup>301</sup>

*or*

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.

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<sup>297</sup> *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 98-99 alt.

<sup>298</sup> *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 278.

<sup>299</sup> *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 278 alt.

<sup>300</sup> *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 278.

<sup>301</sup> *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece alt.



**Blessed be God forever.** <sup>302</sup>

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### The Psalm

*A Psalm (or Psalms) from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is said or sung.*

*At the end of the Psalm(s) one of the following may be said or sung.*

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.** <sup>303</sup>

*or*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

*or*

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.** <sup>304</sup>

*Morning Prayer continues with the Reading.*

### The Reading

*A Reading from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is read. After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.*

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*or*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*or*

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Morning Prayer continues with the Responsory or the Canticle or both. If two Readings are read, then the Responsory follows the first Reading and the Canticle the second.*

### The Responsory

*The Responsory is said or sung.*

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<sup>302</sup> *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

<sup>303</sup> *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

<sup>304</sup> *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people  
**and kindle in us the fire of your love.**  
All who are led by the Spirit of God  
are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.  
**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.**  
Renew the face of your creation, Creator of all,  
and pour on us the gifts of your Spirit,  
**and kindle in us the fire of your love.**  
For the creation waits with eager longing  
for the glorious liberty of the children of God.  
**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people  
and kindle in us the fire of your love.**<sup>305</sup>

*Morning Prayer continues with [the Second Reading or] the Canticle or an Affirmation of Faith.*

### The Canticle

*'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of Ezekiel' or 'A Song of Judith' may be said or sung.*

#### *The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)*

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, \*  
    you have come to your people and set them free.  
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, \*  
    born of the house of your servant David.  
Through your holy prophets, \*  
    you promised of old to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us, \*  
    to show mercy to our forebears,  
    and to remember your holy covenant.  
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: \*  
    to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship you without fear, \*  
    holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.  
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
    for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,  
to give God's people knowledge of salvation \*  
    by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
    the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
    and to guide our feet into the way of peace.<sup>306</sup>

*Or*

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<sup>305</sup> *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 281 alt.

<sup>306</sup> *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 303.



*A Song of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 36.24-26, 28b)*

I will take you from the nations, \*  
and gather you from all the countries.  
I will sprinkle clean water upon you, \*  
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.  
A new heart I will give you, \*  
and put a new spirit within you.  
And I will remove from your body the heart of stone \*  
and give you a heart of flesh.  
You shall be my people, \*  
and I will be your God. <sup>307</sup>

*Or*

*A Song of Judith (Judith 16.13-16)*

I will sing a new song to my God, \*  
for you are great and glorious,  
truly strong and invincible.  
May your whole creation serve you, \*  
for you spoke and all things came to be.  
You sent forth your Spirit and they were formed, \*  
for no one can resist your voice.  
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths; \*  
at your presence rocks shall melt like wax.  
But to those who fear you, \*  
you continue to show mercy.  
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \*  
but whoever fears you  
shall stand in your sight for ever. <sup>308</sup>

*At the end of either Canticle one of the following may be said or sung.*

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.** <sup>309</sup>

*or*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

*or*

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.** <sup>310</sup>

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<sup>307</sup> *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 280.

<sup>308</sup> *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 597 alt.

<sup>309</sup> *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

<sup>310</sup> *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.



*Morning Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.*

### Affirmation of Faith

*One of the following Affirmations of Faith may be said or sung.*

#### *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.<sup>311</sup>**

*Or*

#### *Hear, O Israel*

**Hear, O Israel,  
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.  
The second is like it:  
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.<sup>312</sup>**

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<sup>311</sup> *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

<sup>312</sup> *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.



*Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

### The Litany

*The Litany is said or sung.*

Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings, saying,  
'God of the prophets, hear our prayer.'

Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places  
and inspire us to serve you as a royal priesthood.  
**God of the prophets, hear our prayer.**

Let all peoples acknowledge your reign of justice and peace  
and grant on earth the blessing of peace.  
**God of the prophets, hear our prayer.**

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit  
and renew your church with power from on high.  
**God of the prophets, hear our prayer.**

May peace abound and righteousness flourish,  
so that we may vanquish injustice and wrong.  
**God of the prophets, hear our prayer.**

Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation,  
and grant us the needful gifts of your grace.  
**God of the prophets, hear our prayer.**<sup>313</sup>

*Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember*

- *God's royal priesthood, for empowerment by the Spirit;*
- *those who wait on God, that they may find renewal;*
- *all people, that they may acknowledge the reign of the ascended Christ;*
- *the earth, for productivity and for fruitful harvests and*
- *all who are struggling with broken relationships.*<sup>314</sup>

*After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.*

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<sup>313</sup> *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 383 alt.

<sup>314</sup> *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 365 alt.



### *Ascension to the Sunday after Ascension*

Risen and ascended Christ, you surround us with witnesses and send us the Counsellor who opens our minds to understand your teaching. Bless us with such grace so that our lives may become a blessing for the world now, and in the age to come. **Amen.** <sup>315</sup>

### *Sunday after Ascension to Pentecost*

God of boundless grace, you call us to drink freely of the well of life and to share the love of your holy being. May the glory of your love, made known in the victory of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, transform our lives and the world he lived and died to save. We ask this in his name and for his sake. **Amen.** <sup>316</sup>

### *Pentecost to Trinity Sunday*

Holy God, you spoke the world into being. Pour your Spirit to the ends of the earth, so that your children may return from exile as citizens of your commonwealth, and our divisions may be healed by your word of love and righteousness. **Amen.** <sup>317</sup>

### *The Week of Trinity Sunday*

God of delight, your Wisdom sings your Word at the crossroads where humanity and divinity meet. Invite us into your joyful being where you know and are known in each beginning, in all sustenance, in every redemption, so that we may manifest your unity in the diverse ministries your entrust to us, truly reflecting your triune majesty in the faith that acts, in the hope that does not disappoint, and in the love that endures. **Amen.** <sup>318</sup>

*Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.*

## The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit  
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us, <sup>319</sup>

**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 us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

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<sup>315</sup> Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 124 alt.

<sup>316</sup> Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 125 alt.

<sup>317</sup> Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 126.

<sup>318</sup> Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 139 alt.

<sup>319</sup> Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2005), 283 alt.



**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.*

#### THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

#### The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.*

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love. **Amen.**<sup>320</sup>

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<sup>320</sup> *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 268.