

Pentecost

8th June 2025

Led by Fiona Bennett



Welcome & Gathering

Call to worship:

One: The Holy One is here

The transforming breath of God is amongst us,

ALL: Reviving our hearts with hope

One: Resuscitating our imaginations with vision

ALL: Billowing the sails of our lives with direction

One: Spirit of God,

ALL: With all that is in us, we raise our voices to praise you...

Fire & Breath
by
Jan Richardson

Hymn: Womb of life CH4 118

Womb of life, and source of being,

home of ev'ry restless heart,

in your arms the worlds awakened;

you have loved us from the start.

We, your children, gather 'round you,

at the table you prepare.

Sharing stories tears and laughter,

we are nurtured by your care.

Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,

born to bring us second birth,

you have come to stand beside us,

knowing weakness, knowing earth.

Priest who shares our human struggles,

Life of Life, and Death of Death,

risen Christ, come stand among us,

send the Spirit by your breath.

Brooding Spirit, move among us;

be our partner, be our friend.

When our mem'ry fails, remind us whose we are,

what we intend. Labor with us,

aid the birthing of the new world made new,

ever singing, ever praising, one with all,

and one with you.

Mother, Brother, holy Partner;
Father, Spirit, Only Son:
we would praise your name forever,
one-in-three, and three-in-one.
We would share your life, your passion,
share your word of world made new,
ever singing, ever praising,
one with all, and one with you.

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Gathering Prayer

Introduce Focusing Movement:

ALL: Above and below (*hands - up to down*)

Within and beyond (*hands - from stomach to outstretched*)

The Spirit of God is at work.

We unite our prayers together in the Jesus' Prayer or Lord's Prayer using the form or words which are most worshipful for us...

Source of Life,

Father and Mother of us all:

Creation honours you!

May your Realm of Justice & Joy

Sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen

Introduction to the Story of Pentecost

Holy Moly Pentecost

Table Activities

- What jumped out at you from the Holy Moly Pentecost story?
- Why were there lots of cross-through-the-fish-signs?
- Being a disciple of Jesus was so important to the early Christians that they took great risks to be Jesus' followers and to share his message with the world. Why is being a disciple of Jesus important for you?

Options:

Discussion - Discuss the questions together around your table and write thoughts on a flame sheet.

Meditation - Reflect quietly on the questions on your own and write/draw on a flame sheet.

Activity - Feathering the Prayer Flame

Song: Like fireworks in the night CH4 584

Like fireworks in the night
the Holy Spirit came;
disciples' fears took flight
when touched by fronds of flame:
and suddenly the world was young
as hope embraced a Saviour's claim.

For Jesus bade them dare
to venture, as they should;
his love taught them to share
their homes, possessions, food:
the mind of Jesus gave them speech
all tribes and peoples understood.

Thus God our spirits lifts
fresh daring to inspire;
as common folk get gifts
to change the world entire:
the tongues of flame at Pentecost
ran through the world like forest fire.

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Feather Prayers

Hymn: She sits like a bird CH4 593

She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,
hovering on the chaos of the world's first day;
she sighs and she sings, mothering creation,
waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.

She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,
lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies;
she nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,
nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.

She dances in fire, startling her spectators,
waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned;
she weans and inspires all whose hearts are open,
nor can she be captured, silenced, or restrained.

For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,
gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;
and she is the key opening the scriptures,
enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

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“Hope” is the thing with feathers By Emily Dickinson

“Hope” is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without the words -
And never stops - at all -

And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -
And sore must be the storm -
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm -

I've heard it in the chilliest land -
And on the strangest Sea -
Yet - never - in Extremity,
It asked a crumb - of me.

Offering & Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessing flow
Praise God all creature here below
Praise God above, You heavenly host
Praise Maker Christ and Holy Ghost

*Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.
Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711*

Notices

Hymn: Praise the Spirit in Creation CH4 588

Praise the Spirit in creation,
breath of God, life's origin:
Spirit, moving on the waters,
forming order deep within,

source of breath for all things breathing,
life in whom all lives begin.

Praise the Spirit, close companion
of our inmost thoughts and ways;
who, in showing us God's wonders,
moves our hearts to love and praise;
and God's will, to those who listen,
by a still small voice conveys.

Praise the Spirit, who enlightened
priests and prophets with the word;
hidden truth behind the wisdoms
which as yet know not their Lord;
by whose love and power in Jesus
God's true self is seen and heard.

Praise the Spirit, sent by Jesus
when ascended to his throne,
who pours out on all God's people
power for turning upside down
all the world and every people
as the gospel is made known.

Pray we now, Lord, Holy Spirit,
on our lives descend in might;
let your flame burn bright within us,
fire our hearts and clear our sight,
till, consumed with your compassion,
we too set the world alight.

CH4 588 Michael Hewlett (1916–2000)

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Blessing & Sung Amen

What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Sunday Worship	Sun 8 th June	11am	AUC & Online	Fiona is leading and preaching this morning and our service is interactive with the Sanctuary set up in café style.
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 8 th June	12 noon	Online	
AUC Church Picnic	Sun 8 th June	After the service	The Meadows (if dry) AUC (if wet)	Pick up your pre-registered bag of delicious goodies from the foyer, after the service.
AUC Church Meeting	Tues 10 th June	7.30-9pm	Online	Everyone is welcome to attend Church Meeting. If you are not a church member or associate member, but would like to receive papers for the meetings in advance, please email the Church Secretary Linda (secretary@augustine.org.uk).
Contextual Bible Study	Weds 11 th June	7.30pm	Online	<i>Psalm 104</i> . Email minister@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Contextual Bible Study	Thurs 12 th June	12 noon	Online	<i>Psalm 104</i> . Email minister@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Sunday Worship	Sun 15 th June	11am	AUC & Online	Carol is leading and Fiona is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 15 th June	12 noon	Online	
Remembering Space	Sun 15 th June	2-3pm	AUC	Remembering Space is a sacred space to come together and share stories of those for whom we grieve. For this session, if you would like, please think of a song or piece of music that reminds you of someone special you've lost. You'll have the opportunity to share why it's meaningful to you, and we may even be able to play a short excerpt during the meeting. Open to all. If you would like to know more please contact Fiona (minister@augustine.org.uk) or Moira (moira.holmes@augustine.org.uk)

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