

# Season of Pentecost

27th July 2025

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*Tongues as of fire*  
by  
*Jan Richardson*



## Welcome & Gathering

### Call to worship:

One: The Holy One is here; the transforming flame of God is amongst us:

ALL: Warming our imaginations with vision

One: Refining our hearts with hope

ALL: Forging our world with justice and joy

One: Spirit of God,

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

### Hymn: Let us build a house CH4 198

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive;  
built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,

is revealed in time and space,  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

CH4 198 Marty Haugen (b.1950)

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## **Prayer**

*Introduce Focusing Movement:*

One: The transforming Spirit of God is:

ALL: Strengthening us in faith (*hands open*)

Nurturing us in hope (*hands at head*)

Uniting us in love (*hands clasped at heart*)

*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 for ever. Amen

## **Time for all ages**

### **Hymn: Seek ye first CH4 641**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek, and you shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

You shall not live by bread alone,  
But by every word  
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

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## **Reading read by Moira Holmes**

### **Luke 11:1-13**

11 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' 2 He said to them, 'When you pray, say:  
Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

5 And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." 7 And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for[e] a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? 12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit[f] to those who ask him!'

## **Reflection & Meditation by Mike Holroyd**

## **Prayers of the People by Fiona Bennett**

### **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

## **Notices**

### **Hymn: Tell out my soul CH4 286**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of the Word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Name!  
Make known God's might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;  
his holy Name - the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.

Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of the Word!  
Firm is God's promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

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## Blessing & Sung Amen

### What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Sunday Worship	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> July	11am	AUC & Online	Mike is leading and Fiona is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> July	12 noon	Online	
Coffee Social: Come OUT with Our Tribe (LGBTQI+)	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> July	1:30 – 3pm	Coffee Saints Little King St, Edinburgh EH1 3AR (Opposite the side entrance of John Lewis)	Chance to meet, chat and get to know each other over a cuppa. New people always very welcome. Look out for the Rainbow flag on our table
<b>Contextual Bible Study is on a break over the summer until Wednesday 3rd September</b>				
Sunday Worship	Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	11am	AUC & Online	Fiona is leading and Paul is preaching and the Sanctuary will have been turned into a theatre!
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	12 noon	Online	

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