







- •Worship Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.
- •All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it



Why are we here?

In the quiet, remember we are all here to spend time together with God. Today we are going to be thinking about Pentecost.



Pentecost – listen to the story of Bill

I wonder whether you've ever been privileged enough to meet someone in your life like Bill? I wonder whether you have ever known someone who has made such an impact on you, because of his or her understanding and kindness — the sort of friend you just wouldn't want to lose?

If you have, then you know how the disciples felt about Jesus. He'd been so special and so important to them that when it was time for him to go, they were really very lost and they longed that he might stay with them for ever.

What was a silly thought for Bill's friends, was however a real possibility for the disciples. Jesus had told them he would come back to them, to each one of them, and be with them wherever they went, forever.

Just as Jesus had come down from God, so the Holy Spirit – God in a different, invisible form – was going to come down to each one of them and all this actually happened for them at Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit is a person – God coming in another form; Jesus coming back to be with them – and us – for ever.

When the spirit comes

Before the Spirit came, you were just words on a page, Black on white and yellowed with age.

Simply a story of long ago,

Of a man who had so much love to show;

Who healed the sick and cured the lame;

Took our guilt and bore our shame.

It sounded so good, but it just couldn't last.

It was not for today but locked in the past.

Until the Spirit came.

Now the Spirit has come, you are here at my side,
Larger than life and ready to guide;
Making real to me all that you said
And doing through me the things that I read.
I am the glove that your hand has filled;
I am the cup into which you have spilled
All the love and the power which you promised would come,
Right now in the present and for everyone.
Since the Spirit came.



Spirit of life, you made the disciples talk in different languages, speak through us, and fill us with the language of your love.

Response: Come, Holy Spirit, help us to transform your world

We pray that love may fill our hearts so that we are open to others

Response: Come, Holy Spirit, help us to transform your world

We pray that all your children may experience joy in their lives

Response: Come, Holy Spirit, help us to transform your world

We pray that wars may end, and peace comes to those who suffer

Response: Come, Holy Spirit, help us to transform your world

We pray that we may avoid putting ourselves first, and instead focus on thinking about the needs of others

Response: Come, Holy Spirit, help us to transform your world



We are going to be thinking about representing God's first breath of love (Ruah) into all of creation.

As you leave today, notice the breeze.

What is it whispering to you?