



**St Edmund's Church Taverham
and St Peter's Church Ringland**

24th May 2025

Pentecost

Take, O take me as I am

Summon out what I shall be
Set your seal upon my heart
And set me free

Show me how to be at peace
Let me be all I can be
Guide my way along the path
And walk with me

Watch, O watch me as I grow
Give me sight so I can see
Grant me strength to fight the foe
And stand with me

Give me wisdom to perceive
How to use you as the key
Teach me so I may believe
Unlock the door for me

Help me flourish every day
Set my troubled mind at ease
Nourish hearts and souls I pray
I'll feel your peace

So take, O take me as I am
Summon out what I shall be
Set your seal upon my heart
And live in me
(John Bell & Graham Maul / Nick Moore)

Eternal God, by your Spirit you create us.

Risen Christ, you breathe your Spirit into us.

Holy Spirit, with each breath you give us life and love.

What beauty! What power!

You pour out your grace on us, like rain on thirsty land.

**Your spirit is a well within us, gushing up to eternal life,
and flowing out of our hearts.**

You are our breathing, our loving, our life.

Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

Spirit of God,
you breathe in us.

You make us alive.

In the stillness we breathe

You make us alive.

You come and live in us
with life-giving love.

**We breathe you in and out,
and we give thanks. Amen.**

God, our Creator, You in love made us

Who once were nothing, but now have grown

We bring the best of all our lives offer

For you we share whatever we own

O Christ our Saviour, you in love called us
Who once were no-one, and felt unknown
We pledge to go wherever you summon
Making your will and purpose our own

O God the Spirit, you in love move us
Who once were nowhere, far from our home
We know our need of you for companion
All things can change when not on our own

And with the people summoned together
To be the Church in which faith is sown
We make our promise to live for Jesus
And let the world know, all are God's own
(words: John L Bell & Graham Maule)

A reading from the book of Acts beginning at chapter 2 verse 1

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

This is my Father's world

And to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres
This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair
In the rust'ling grass I hear Him pass
He speaks to me ev'rywhere

This is my Father's world
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems off so strong
God is the Ruler yet
This is my Father's world
Why should my heart be sad
The Lord is King let the heavens ring
God reigns let the earth be glad

This is my Father's world
Though soiled by all our sin
Creation groans for God alone
Can liberate us from within
This is my Father's world
And so He sent His son
By grace through faith our lives to save
And sanctify until He's done
(Sheppard, Ribble, Babcock)
(Based on Psalm 104)

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, both by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. Too often we have failed to welcome into our hearts your quickening Spirit of love and power. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. Wash away our sins; send rain on our dry ground; bend our rigidity; inflame our cold hearts; anoint us for witness; and direct our wandering feet into your ways. Amen.

Lord, give us your Spirit, your Spirit that is love
Lord, fill us with your life, freely given for the world

Where children cry, let us wipe their tears away
And where children fall, let us raise them to their feet

Where there is pain, let us be your helping hands
And where there is grief, let us comfort with your love

Where people hate, let us dwell among them with love
And where people fight, let us bind their deepest wounds
(Sandy Hardiman)

**Fire of God,
be my light.
Heat of God,
be my fuel.**

**Furnace of God,
purify me.
Blaze of God,
be my upward leaping.
Flame of God,
be my breath.
Wind of God,
be my steady leading.
Spirit of God,
may I burn with your love,
your passion to spread mercy
in this flammable world.**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God in community, holy in one
we pray in the power of the Spirit, as Jesus taught us

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Holy Spirit living Breath of God

Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover every sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see
(Stuart Townend, Keith Getty)

As you enter a new week,
may you experience God's presence.
May you feel God pouring out the Holy Spirit
over your heads and your thoughts and the words of your lips,
over your hearts and your feelings and emotions
and your compassion for all others,
and over your hands and your feet
as you put into action all that God commands you.

During this week,
may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with each of you; Amen.
(Presbyterian Church of Canada)

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you

Wherever He may send you
May He guide you through the wilderness
Protect you through the storm
May He bring you home rejoicing
At the wonders He has shown you
May He bring you home rejoicing
Once again into our doors
(Traditional Northumbrian Blessing)

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