

8 June 2025 The Day of Pentecost

Nau mai, haere mai. Our liturgy begins on page 404 of A New Zealand Prayer Book / He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa

The musical setting is Mass of the Quiet Hour – Oldroyd, with The Young People's Choir.

Processional Hymn: Common Praise 175 – Come down, O Love divine.

Collect:

Living God, eternal Holy Spirit, let your bright intoxicating energy which fired those first disciples fall on us to turn the world again. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

Responsorial Psalm (104:1-9)

Choir: He, the Lord, is our God, he remembers his covenant for ever. *People:* He, the Lord, is our God, he remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks, and acclaim God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples. O sing to the Lord, sing praise;

tell all his wonderful works!

He, the Lord, is our God, he remembers his covenant for ever.

Be proud of God's holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.

Consider the Lord, who is strong;

Constantly seek his face.

He, the Lord, is our God, he remembers his covenant for ever.

Remember the wonders of the Lord, the miracles and judgements pronounced. O children of Abraham, God's servant, O children of Jacob the chosen, He, the Lord, is our God, he remembers his covenant for ever.

God remembers the covenant for ever. the promise for a thousand generations, the covenant made with Abraham, the oath that was sworn to Isaac.

He, the Lord, is our God, he remembers his covenant for ever.

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Gospel Hymn: Spirit of the living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all – make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love: humble, caring, selfless, sharing -Spirit of the living God fill our lives with love.

Daniel Iverson, v2: Michael Baughen

Gospel: John 14:8-17

Lord's Prayer: On page 418 in English

Offertory Hymn: Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is here. Come bow before him now with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground: Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around: He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant king of light; be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place: he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him; Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Words and music: David J Evans Tune: BE STILL

Communion Motet: Gaelic Blessing – Rutter Loquebantur – Tallis

Prayer after Communion:

Praise and glory to you creator Spirit of God; you make our bread Christ's body to heal and reconcile and to make us the body of Christ.
You make our wine Christ's living sacrificial blood to redeem the world.

You are truth.

You come like the wind of heaven, unseen, unbidden. Like the dawn you illuminate the world around us; you grant us a new beginning every day.
You warm and comfort us.
You give us courage and fire and strength beyond our every day resources.
Be with us Holy Spirit in all we say or think, in all we do this and every day. Alleluia!

Recessional Hymn: Give thanks for holy wind and fire!

Give thanks for holy wind and fire! Rejoice with heaven's hidden choir. Alleluia! Alleluia!

See how the Pentecostal flame blazes afar God's threefold name. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sing praises to our God Most High whose Holy Spirit prompts the cry Alleluia! Alleluia! Truly the Christ is present where faithful disciples offer prayer.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give thanks that we, God's church, can know the Spirit's power, as long ago Alleluia! Alleluia! To hold, to heal and to uplift, to hallow every natural gift. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Join, then, this Pentecost, in praise for blessings poured in countless ways.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

And, to a world which suffers so let peace and gladness overflow.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

David Mowbray (b. 1938), tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN (All creatures...)

The Day of Pentecost concludes the 50 days of the Easter Season. The Easter Candle, which has been lit throughout Easter, will now only be lit at baptisms and funerals. And so, it's carried to the font, reminding us that we are baptised into Christ's death and resurrection and that in the power of the Spirit, we now shine with the light of the risen Christ.

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