**Hymns for Worship: Sunday 31st May**

*Introductory music*

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove, teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Saviour’s love. Without your help we fail our Lord, we cannot live his way; we need your power, we need your strength, following Christ each day.*

*Spirit of God …. (Margaret Olds)*

**There’s a spirit in the air**

There’s a spirit in the air,

telling Christians everywhere:

‘Praise the love that Christ revealed,

living, working, in our world!’

Lose your shyness, find your tongue,  
tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!

When believers break the bread,  
when a hungry child is fed,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.

Still the Spirit gives us light,  
seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!

When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.

May his Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!

There's a Spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere:  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.

*(Brian A. Wren, b. 1936)*

**Wind, wind, blow on me**

*Wind, wind, blow on me,*

*wind, wind, set me free,*

*wind, wind, my Father sent*

*the Blessed Holy Spirit.*

Jesus told us all about you,

how we could not live without you,

with his blood the power brought,

to help us live the life he taught.

*Wind, wind, blow on me …*

When we’re weary you console us,

when we’re lonely you enfold us,

when in danger you uphold us,

Blessed Holy Spirit.

*Wind, wind, blow on me …*

When unto the Church you came

it was not your own by Jesus’ name,

Jesus Christ is still the same,

he sends the Holy Spirit.

*Wind, wind, blow on me …*

Free to love our sisters, brothers,

also free to live for others,

that the world the Son might see,

and Jesus’ name exalted be.

*Wind, wind, blow on me …*

*(Jane Clowe & Betsy Clowe, adapted)*

**Taize chant: Holy Spirit, come to us**

*(sung three times)*

Holy Spirit, come to us, kindle in us the fire of your love,

Holy Spirit, come to us, Holy Spirit, come to us.

*(Taizé)*

**Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost**

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,  
taught by thee, we covet most  
of thy gifts at Pentecost,  
holy, heavenly love.

Love is kind, and suffers long,  
love is meek, and thinks no wrong,  
love than death itself more strong;  
therefore give us love.

Prophecy will fade away,  
melting in the light of day;  
love will ever with us stay;  
therefore give us love.

Faith will vanish into sight;  
hope be emptied in delight;  
love in heaven will shine more bright;  
therefore give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see  
joining hand in hand agree;  
but the greatest of the three,  
and the best, is love.

From the overshadowing  
of thy gold and silver wing  
shed on us, who to thee sing,  
holy, heavenly love.

*(Christopher Wordsworth, 1807 – 1885)*

*Music after Intercessions*

*Holy Spirit, we welcome you, Holy Spirit we welcome you. Move among us with holy fire as we lay aside all earthly desires, hands reach out, and our hearts aspire, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit we welcome you. Please accomplish in me today, some new work of loving grace I pray; unreservedly have your way,*

*Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit we welcome you.*

*(Chris Bowater)*

**The Spirit lives to set us free**

The Spirit lives to set us free,

walk, walk, in the light.

He binds us all in unity,

walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,*

*walk in the light,*

*walk in the light,*

*walk in the light of the Lord.*

Jesus promised life to all,

walk, walk, in the light.

The dead were wakened by his call,

walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light …*

He died in pain on Calvary,

walk, walk, in the light,

to save the lost like you and me,

walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light …*

We know his death was not the end,

walk, walk, in the light.

He gave his Spirit to be our friend,

walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light …*

By Jesus’ love our wounds are healed,

walk, walk, in the light.

The Father’s kindness is revealed,

walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light …*

The Spirit lives in you and me,

walk, walk, in the light.

His light will shine for all to see,

walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light …*

*(Damian Lundy, 1944 – 1997)*

*Concluding music*

*Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,*

*I will pray, ev’ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.*

*Holy Spirit, in your power, bless and guide us, every hour.*

*Holy Spirit, Comforter, strengthen us to preach your Word.*

*Every time …*

*Healing Spirit, hear our prayer, grant your wholeness, help us care.*

*Fruitful Spirit, heavn’ly dove, bring your peace, Lord, joy and love.*

*Every time …*

*Every time …*

*(Chorus: Traditional Spiritual; Verses: Martin Doe)*

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**Readings for Pentecost**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

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.’

*(Acts 2: 1 – 21, NRSV)*

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.  To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.  To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.  All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*(1 Corinthians 12: 3b – 13, NRSV)*

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”  After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.  Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”  When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.  If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

*(John 20: 19 – 23, NRSV)*

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