We remember our tradition…. Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it: This bread is broken, as my body will be. And he handed it to his friends, inviting them to eat: Remember all that I have been to you.

Long ago, that same tradition says, Jesus poured a cup of wine, offered thanks for it, and gave it to his friends. This wine is poured out as my life will be. As you drink, give thanks for all I have given.

**Prayer of consecration**As we come to this Table of peace, pour out your Spirit of life upon us, and upon the gifts of the Bread of life and the Cup of compassion that they may become for us the life of Christ. Amen.

The bread – broken. The cup – poured out.   
The gifts of God for the people of God. *Sharing of bread and cup*.

**Prayer after communion**

**Benediction**

In the name of the One who created and stands by the Earth and its people; in the name of the One who walked its roads and embodied Good News; in the name of the One who descended with gifts and with power – go out into this day and this coming week to know and love God, to learn from and follow Jesus, and to feel in the depths of your being the movements of God’s Spirit. Amen.

The peace of God be with you. **And also with you**.

*The peace is exchanged.*

**Pentecost A**

**Act of Awareness (reflection)**  
We gather in the company of God. We gather grateful for the companionship of hearts and minds seeking to speak the truth in love. We gather grateful for our heritage, for the women and men before us whose prophetic words and deeds make possible our dreams and our insight. We gather grateful for the gift of life itself, mindful that to respect life means both to celebrate what life is and to insist on what it can become. *(Adapt.MSMilner)*

We light the candles to affirm that new light is ever waiting to break through to enlighten our ways: that new truth is ever waiting to break through to illumine our minds, and that new love is ever waiting to break through to warm our hearts. May we be open to this light, and to the rich possibilities that it brings us.  *CA. Howe*

**Welcome and greeting**

**Call to worship** *Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b*

Holy Creator, still creating, we come to rejoice in your presence, surrounding us all.   
**God around us, God beneath and above us: God is present here.**Holy Mystery, always mysterious, we come to celebrate God who sustains us.    
**God within us and God beside us: God is present here.**Holy God, source of joy, we come to worship you, known to us in creation’s holy order.   
**God of our past, present and future, we come to worship, to give thanks, and offer our praises for your steadfast care. Amen.**

**Prayer of thanksgiving**O God, we give you thanks for the visions of prophetic life on earth.

We celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit in every generation and place.

We look at life in our time and marvel that some people live in ways that change the world forever, reminding us that the Spirit of Christ is with us. We thank you that you invite in us the foresight to recognise what the world could be, if only we would live in the power of that Spirit, regardless of what others may believe and what that commitment costs. We praise you, O God, for creating in us, through the Spirit’s gifts, a promise of new possibilities, ones which could add life to the world. Amen. *Words for worship*

**The prayers of who we are**

The expectation most commonly held in the church is that **we think and speak and teach** a certain way.  The expectation of Jesus was, and is, that we ***live*** a certain way, influenced by the wind of God’s Spirit, breath, blowing through us. We take time to reflect on our living and our being, and of being church together. *A silence is kept.*

**Words of assurance**

God's grace endures forever!  God's Spirit of peace and reconciliation is poured out on us so we can live as God's people.

**We rejoice in God who, with the gift of the Spirit, renews us as well as all creation.  Thanks be to God.  Amen.**

**Readings**Let us listen to readings from our Hebrew and Christian Scriptures ...

**and in our listening, may we be open to hear God speaking to us in fresh ways. Amen.**

**Readings and Reflection**

**Prayers for others** (this is my prayer/**this is our prayer**)  
Flame of the Spirit: warm our hearts to love our neighbour

Flame of the Spirit: light our path that we may walk in truth

Flame of the Spirit: rise in us with a passion for freedom

Flame of the Spirit: gather us together in the celebration of your life!

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Spirit of compassion, be the grace and strength for us to risk - for the sake of justice, to suffer - for the sake of healing, to give - for the sake of love, to offer blessing, to offer blessing. *(Source: Steve Garnaas-Holmes)*

**Communion**

May the Spirit-sharing God be with you! **And also with you!**

Come to the One who breathes new life into us.

**Here are our hearts, O God.  Renew them!**

Sing to God as long as you live.**We offer our songs of praise.**

We bless you, Lord of all creation, for your Spirit which filled Jesus Christ, our Hope, our Brother, our Saviour. As he would baptize us in the Spirit, we speak of that faith grounded in mystery:

Christ gave his last breath for us;   
God raised Christ, filling him with the breath of new life;

the Spirit will breath life into us, until Christ comes again.

We who hold all such good things in trust, in the company of each other and in company with people throughout the world declare as generations before us have declared:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,   
heaven and earth are full of your glory,   
hosanna in the highest!   
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.   
Hosanna in the highest!**