**Pentecost 2022**

**Scripture Readings**

Acts 2.1-21

John 14. 8-17 (25-27)

Genesis 11.1-9

Psalm 104. 24-34, 35b

Romans 8.14-17

Isaiah 40.29-32

**Songs**

CH4 204, I am the Church! You are the Church!

CH4 582, O Day of joy and wonder!

CH4 588, Praise the Spirit in creation

CH4 594, Come, Holy Spirit, come!

CH4 595, O Breathe of life, coming sweeping through us

CH4 596, Breathe on me, Breath of God

CH4 600, Spirit of God, unseen as the wind

CH4 619/620, Spirit of the living God

CH4 771, If you believe and I believe

*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God* by Keith and Krysten Getty

*Everlasting God* by Chris Tomlin

**Prayer of approach and confession**

Living,

Breathing,

Loving God

As the flags fly high across the nation,

Giving thanks for a Queen whose reign has been one of faith and service,

So we raise our kites in celebration,

And remember together the gift of your Holy Spirit,

And its coming like the wind at Pentecost.

Whooshing and sweeping,

Rushing and plunging,

diving among and within,

Enlivening faith,

Untangling tongues,

awakening believers to the peace of your presence and wonder of your love.

Living,

Breathing,

Loving God,

When we have pushed against your winds of change,

resisting your lead and direction,

Billowed about by selfishness and fear,

Apathy and complacency,

Refusing the urgent whispers for change;

We say sorry,

pray for your forgiveness,

and seek together your presence.

For we are looking for that breeze that blows where it wills,

Longing for that gust that moves where it wants,

Ready for the breath that will lift us up to new heights,

That our faith be enlivened,

Our tongues be untangled,

And our hearts, minds and spirits awakened to your call.

Living,

Breathing,

Loving God,

In your grace and mercy,

Come like a breath of fresh air and cleanse us,

refresh our faith,

renew our vision,

and reform us,

that we might be fit and equipped to love and serve you faithfully in these days.

Amen.

**Prayer for others**

Everlasting God,

Life,

Like a kite,

is not always soaring and plain sailing,

There are tangles, twists and turns along the way –

Days when it feels like we can’t get moving,

Moments when it feels like we are falling,

Times when it feels like everything is spiralling out of control,

but in and through it all,

We have the promise that you are with us,

Encouraging,

Strengthening,

Empowering and lifting,

Always there and ready to cheer us on.

And so,

Lord Jesus,

For those who feel weak and weary,

For those who are sad or scared,

For those who lack peace, within and around them,

And those who are ill, confused or alone -

We pray,

That through the power of your Spirit at work in the church,

You would come alongside them,

And breathe new life,

Granting encouragement,

Strength,

And hope to all those who are disheartened,

So that they might know that in all the tangles, twists and turns –

When everything feels out of control,

You are God who loves and is with them,

Encouraging,

Strengthening,

Empowering and lifting,

There and ready to cheer them on.

So be it,

Amen.

**Kite flying liturgy**

***This idea is offered as a starter and can be used with or without actions and with one or more voices.***

*(Hands clasped in prayer)*

let’s get our kite.

Let’s lift it high.

Let’s hope that God will help it fly.

*(Make the sound of the wind)*

We need a breeze.

We need a gust.

We need the wind of Pentecost.

*(clap hands together)*

So let it go.

And see it rise.

Cheer it on as it soars to the sky.

*(Make a love heart shape with hands)*

And as it dips.

And as it bends.

Trust that God’s love will never end.

*(Twirl round on the spot)*

For the Spirit lives,

The Spirit is near,

Let us catch the wind and have no fear.

*(hip hip hooray)*

For this is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us fly our kites,

And be thankful.