

Evening Prayer - Monday and daily in Pentecost

THE BLESSING OF THE LIGHT

A light, which may be the Paschal Candle, is brought in, or a candle may simply be lit.

With you, O God, is the well of life
And in your light shall we see light.

The light of Christ be with you
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to God
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Blessèd are you,
God our light and our life;
to you be glory and praise for ever!
When we turned away to darkness and chaos,
like a mother you would not forsake us.
You cried out like a woman in labour
and rejoiced to bring forth a new people.
Your living Word brings light out of darkness
and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth,
bending our wills to the gentle rule of your love,
Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life:
Blessèd be God for ever!

While the other candles are lit the following or another suitable hymn may be sung.

A SONG OF THE LIGHT

- 1 O gladsome light, of the holy glory of the
immortal Father,*
heavenly, holy, blessèd Jesus Christ.**
- 2 Now that we have come to the setting of the sun
and behold the light of evening,*
we praise you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**
- 3 For it is right at all times to worship you
with voices of praise,*
O Son of God and giver of life:
therefore all the world glorifies you.**

Verses from PSALM 141 may be said:

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.
Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness.

But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God,
in you I take refuge;
do not leave me defenceless.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

THE OPENING PRAYER may be said:

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Ka mea a Ihu, “Ka riro he kaha i a koutou, ina haere mai te Wairua Tapu ki a koutou; a hei kaiwhakaatu mōku ki Hiruharama, ki Hūria katoa ki Hamāria hoki, a tae noa ki te pito whakamutunga o te ao.”

Ngā Mahi 1.8

E te Atua o tua whakarere
Kua whakakīa ngā ngākau me ngā hinengaro
O āu tāngata whakapono ki tōu Wairua Tapu
Kia tika ai ō rātou whakaaro ki ngā mea katoa
Kia hari tonu ai i roto i tōu aroha me tōu kaha
Ko Ihu Karaiti tonu nei te kai whakaora
E ora nei, e kīngi tahi nei, me koe, me te Wairua
Kotahi tonu nei te Atua. **Āmine.**

THE WORD OF GOD — *see the introduction*

the Psalm(s) - the following may be used, those in the Lectionary, or those in the Alternate Table of Psalms

Week 1 & Sundays in Pentecost — Psalm 68

- 1 Arise O God and let your enemies be scattered:
let those who hate you flee before you.
- 2 As smoke vanishes before the wind,
and as wax melts in the fire:
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad
and exult before God:
let them rejoice with exceeding joy.
- 4 Sing praises to God's holy name:
make a highway for the one
who rides on the clouds,
whose name is the Lord,
in whose presence exult.
- 5 Guardian of orphans and protector of widows:
such are you O God
in your holy dwelling-place.
- 6 You give the lonely a home to live in,
and lead out the prisoners into prosperity:
but the rebellious must live in the wasteland.
- 7 O God when you went out
at the head of your people:
when you marched across the wilderness,
when you marched across the wilderness,
- 8 the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain:
before God the Lord of Sinai,

- before God the Lord most high.
- 9 You sent down a generous rain O God:
to refresh the wilting land of your possession.
- 10 There your people found a home:
which in your goodness
you provided for the poor.
- 11 The Lord gave the word:
and great was the company
of those who carried the news,
- 12 'Kings with their armies are in headlong flight:
the women at home are dividing the spoil.
- 16 O mountain of many peaks,
why do you look with envy
at the mountain where God
has chosen to dwell:
and where the Lord will live for ever?
- 17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand,
indeed thousands upon thousands:
you O Lord have come from Sinai
into your holy place.
- 18 You have gone up on high,
leading captives with you:
and receiving tribute,
even from among the rebellious,
that you might dwell among them.
- 19 Blessed are you O Lord,
for you bear us daily as your burden:
you are the God of our deliverance.
- 20 Our God is a God of salvation:
God is the Lord
through whom we escape from death.

*Jesus Christ, you left your disciples,
only that you might send the Holy Spirit
to be our advocate.*

*Grant us the Spirit of truth
to convince the world
that you are risen from the dead. Amen.*

Week 2 and Mondays in Pentecost — from Psalm 68

- 24 Your procession O God has come into view:
the procession of my God and king
as it enters the sanctuary.
- 25 The singers walk in front, the minstrels follow:
with them the maidens
playing the timbrels and singing,
- 26 'Give thanks to the Lord
in the great congregation:
bless the Lord,
all you that spring
from the fountain of Israel.'
- 27 There in the lead is the little tribe of Benjamin,
there the company of the princes of Judah:

- the princes of Zebulun
and the princes of Naphtali.
- 28 Summon your strength O God:
the strength in which
you performed for us your mighty deeds.
- 29 For your temple's sake at Jerusalem:
summon kings to bring you gifts.
- 30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds:
that herd of bulls with their calves.
- 31 Trample under foot
those who are greedy for silver:
and scatter the people whose delight is in war.
- 32 Let tribute be brought out from Egypt:
and Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.
- 33 Sing to God you kingdoms of the earth:
sing praises to the Lord,
34 who rides on the heavens, the ancient heavens:
who speaks aloud with a mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over
our people:
and whose strength is in the skies.
- 36 Terrible are you O God, as you come from your
holy place:
you give power and strength to your people.
Blessed be God.

*Holy One, holy and eternal,
awesome, exciting and delightful in your holiness;
make us pure in heart to see you;
make us merciful to receive your kindness,
and to share our love with all your human family;
then will your name be hallowed on earth as in heaven. Amen.*

Week 3 & Tuesdays in Pentecost — Psalm 127

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house:
its builders will have laboured in vain.
- 2 Unless the Lord watches over the city:
those who keep watch will stay awake in vain.
- 3 In vain you rise up early and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil:
for those whom the Lord loves are given sleep.
- 4 Truly children are a gift from the Lord:
and offspring a reward from God's hand.
- 5 Like arrows in a warrior's hand:
so indeed are the children of one's youth.
- 6 Happy are those
who have their quiver full of them:
they will not be put to shame
when they meet their adversaries at the gate.

*Almighty God,
you have called us to serve you,
yet without your grace*

*we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Week 4 & Wednesdays in Pentecost

— from Psalm 18

- 1 I love you O Lord my strength:
the Lord is my rock,
my fortress and my deliverer;
- 2 my God, the rock where I take refuge:
my shield, my salvation and my stronghold.
- 3 I will call upon the Lord,
who is worthy of all praise:
so shall I be saved from my enemies.
- 4 The waves of death were all around me:
the torrents of destruction overtook me.
- 5 The cords of death tightened upon me:
and its snares were laid in my path.
- 6 In my trouble I called to the Lord:
and cried for help to my God.
- 7 From your temple you heard my voice:
and my cry to you reached your ears.
- 8 Then the earth heaved and quaked:
the very foundations of the hills were shaken,
they reeled because of your anger.
- 9 Smoke issued from your nostrils,
and a consuming fire came out
of your mouth:
glowing coals flamed forth from your presence.
- 10 You parted the heavens and came down:
a storm cloud under your feet.
- 11 Mounted on the cherubim you flew:
you swooped on the wings of the wind.
- 12 You made darkness your covering around you:
thick clouds dark with rain your canopy.
- 13 Out of the brightness of your presence:
there broke through the clouds,
hailstones and coals of fire.
- 14 You O Lord most high thundered out of heaven:
you uttered your voice,
hailstones and coals of fire.
- 15 You sent out your arrows
and scattered your enemies:
you flashed forth your
lightnings and put them to flight.
- 16 The bed of the sea was laid bare,
the foundations of the world were uncovered:
at your rebuke O Lord,
at the blasting of the breath of your displeasure.
- 17 You O Lord reached down from on high
and grasped me:

- you drew me out of the great waters.
- 18 You delivered me from my powerful enemy,
and from those who hated me:
because they were too strong for me.
- 19 They came upon me in the day of my calamity:
but you were my upholder O Lord.
- 20 You brought me out into a place of liberty:
you rescued me because you delighted in me.

*Praise and glory to you creator Spirit of God;
You are truth.*

You come like the wind of heaven, unseen, unbidden.

You warm and comfort us.

You give us courage and fire

and strength beyond our every day resources.

Be with us Holy Spirit. Amen.

Week 5 & Thursdays in Pentecost — from Psalm 18

- 21 You rewarded me for my righteous dealing:
you recompensed me
because my hands were clean.
- 22 For I have kept your ways O Lord:
and have not wickedly forsaken my God.
- 23 All your laws are before my eyes:
and your commandments
I have not put away from me.
- 24 I was also blameless before you:
and I kept myself from wickedness.
- 25 So you rewarded me for my righteous dealing:
because my hands were clean in your sight.
- 26 With the faithful you show yourself faithful:
with the upright you show yourself upright.
- 27 With the pure you show yourself pure:
but with the crafty ones you are crafty.
- 28 For you will deliver a humble people:
but you will bring down the
high looks of the proud.
- 29 You light my lamp O Lord my God:
you turn my darkness into light.
- 30 With you I can break through a hedge:
with the help of my God I can leap over a wall.
- 31 The way of our God is perfect,
the word of the Lord proves true:
you are the shield of all who take refuge in you.
- 32 For who is God but the Lord:
and who is a rock except our God?
- 33 It is God who girds me with strength:
and makes the path before me safe.
- 34 You make my feet like the feet of a deer:
and set me upon the heights.
- 35 You teach my hands to fight:
so that my arms can bend
even a bow of bronze.

- 36 You have given me the shield of your salvation:
 your right hand held me up,
 and your loving care has made me great.
- 37 You have made a broad path for my feet:
 and my footsteps have not faltered.
- 44 You delivered me from the strife of the peoples:
 and you made me the head of the nations.
- 45 A people whom I had not known:
 became subjects under my rule.
- 46 As soon as they heard of me they obeyed me:
 and foreigners humbled themselves before me.
- 47 The strength of the aliens failed:
 in fear they came out from their strongholds.
- 48 The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock:
 and praised be the God who saves me.
- 49 You are the God who avenged me:
 and subdued the peoples under me.
- 50 You delivered me from my enemies:
 you set me up above my adversaries,
 and saved me from the violent.
- 51 Therefore Lord,
 I will extol you among the nations:
 and sing praises to your name.
- 52 Great triumphs O Lord you give to your king:
 and show unfailing love to your anointed one,
 to David and his descendants forever.

*Look down, Lord, from your heavenly throne.
 Illuminate the darkness of this night
 with your celestial brightness,
 and from us, the children of light,
 banish for ever the deeds of darkness. Amen.*

Week 6 & Fridays in Pentecost — Psalm 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you O Lord with all my heart:
 before the gods I will sing your praises.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple,
 and give thanks
 because of your love and faithfulness:
 for you have exalted
 your name and your word above all things.
- 3 On the day that I called, you answered me:
 and put new strength within me.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you O Lord:
 when they hear the words of your mouth.
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord:
 that the glory of the Lord is great.
- 6 For though Lord you are high,
 yet you care for the lowly:
 as for the proud,
 you humble them from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble
 you keep me safe:

- you stretch out your hand
 against my enemies' rage,
 and your right hand will save me.
- 8 You will fulfil your purpose for me,
 your love O Lord is everlasting:
do not leave unfinished
 the work of your hands.

*God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit
be our goal and our strength
now and always. Amen.*

Week 7 & Saturdays in Pentecost — Psalm 133

- 1 How good and pleasant a thing it is:
 when God's people live together in unity.
- 2 It is like the precious oil on Aaron's head,
 which ran down onto his beard:
 and over the collar of his vestment.
- 3 It is like the dew of Hermon:
 falling upon the hill of Zion.
- 4 For there the Lord promised the blessing:
 which is life for evermore.

*Creator God,
you have made us
not in one mould, but in many:
so deepen our unity in Christ
that we may rejoice in our diversity. Amen.*

— Psalm 134

- 1 Come praise the Lord,
 all you servants of the Lord:
 you that stand by night
 in the house of the Lord.
- 2 Lift up your hands toward the holy place:
 and bless the Lord your God.
- 3 The Lord who made heaven and earth:
 give you blessing out of Zion.

*Rouse our spirits, Lord Jesus,
that whenever you come to the door and knock
you may find us awake,
ready to admit and serve you. Amen.*

THE OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

If there are two Scripture Readings, the first may be read before the OT Canticle, or both may be read after it.

Either: GOD IS MY SALVATION

- 1 Behold God is my salvation:
 I will trust and will not be afraid,
- 2 for the Lord God is my strength and my song:
 and has become my salvation.
- 3 With joy you will draw water

- from the wells of salvation:
and in that day all of you will say,
4 'Give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord:
make known among the nations
what the Lord has done,
proclaim that the name of the Lord
is exalted.
5 'Sing praises
for the Lord has triumphed gloriously:
let this be known in all the earth.
6 'Shout and sing for joy you people of God:
for great in your midst is the Holy One.'

Isaiah 12.2-6

Glory to . . .

Or: THE SONG OF JUDITH

- 1 I will sing a new song to my God:
Lord you are great and glorious,
wonderful in strength, invincible.
2 Let the whole creation serve you:
for you spoke, and all things came into being.
3 You sent out your breath and it formed them:
no one is able to resist your voice.
4 Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths:
rocks melt like wax at your presence.
5 But to those who revere you:
you will continue to show mercy.

Judith 16.13-15

Glory to . . .

THE SCRIPTURE READING(S)

The Short Scripture Reading may be used, or those from the lectionary, either is followed by the Responsory, or

This RESPONSE to the reading may be used:

When you send forth your Spirit, we are created:
You renew the face of the earth.

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE: THE MAGNIFICAT

Refrain:

**My Spirit rejoices in you, my God,*
for you have raised up for us a mighty Saviour.**

Or, in Pentecost:

**Alleluia! The Spirit of God fills the whole earth;*
holy wisdom, herself unchanging,
in Christ makes all things new. Alleluia!**

Or, on feasts of Apostles & Evangelists:

**On the foundation stones of the heavenly city*
are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb.**

Or, on feasts of Missionaries:

**How beautiful on the mountains*
are the feet of those who bring good news
and proclaim the gospel of peace.**

The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my saviour,
- 2 for you Lord have looked with favour
on your lowly servant:
and from this day all generations
will call me blessed.
- 3 You O Most Mighty
have done great things for me:
and holy is your name.
- 4 You have mercy on those who fear you:
from generation to generation.
- 5 You have shown the strength of your arm:
you have scattered the proud in their conceit.
- 6 You have cast down the mighty
from their thrones:
and have lifted up the lowly.
- 7 You have filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich you have sent away empty.
- 8 You have come to the help of your people:
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,
- 9 the promise you made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to God: Source of all being,
Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Or

**Glory to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now:
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The refrain is repeated after the canticle.

THE PRAYERS

Intercession and Thanksgiving are offered in free prayer or in silence, ending with the following, [or some other appropriate litany or prayer]:

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

Lord, have mercy. E te Ariki, kia aroha mai.

Hear the cry of the needy.

Christ, have mercy. E te Karaiti, kia aroha mai.

In your loving kindness save us.

Lord, have mercy. E te Ariki, kia aroha mai.

THE COLLECT for the day, or for Mondays

God the source of eternal light,
shed forth your unending day on us who watch for you;
that our lips may praise you,
our hearts bless you and our lives glorify you;
through our Saviour Jesus Christ . . .

The Collect for the Pentecost Season

Father,
you have filled your people with the Spirit

who rested first on your Son
and united us in your Church;
open the channels for your Spirit
that we may freely work together,
and your kingdom and your rule increase;
grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ . . .

The Lord's Prayer follows

Being made one by the Spirit
and as Christ teaches us we pray . . .

THE CONCLUSION

THE BLESSING

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

ko tēnei rānei

**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa
te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, o Ihu Karaiti,
me te aroha o te Atua,
me te whiwhinga tahitanga ki te Wairua Tapu,
ake ake. Āmine.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Or, in Pentecost:

May God kindle in us the fire of love. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!