**Sacred Space**

**Pentecost**

**Sunday 19th May 2024**

**Waiting for the Spirit**

**Reading - Acts 1: 4-5**

While stayingwith them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’

*As we wait and pray, the worship band will play.*

**I will wait for your peace to come to me SASP 94**

**Opening responses**

When we feel alone, when we feel rejected
**Come, Holy Spirit, Come!**
When we feel drained and dried up, and we can’t give any more,
**Come, Holy Spirit, Come!**
When we are unsure of how to move or where to go or what to do,
**Come, Holy Spirit, Come!**
Come, Holy Spirit, revive us, move in us,

and encourage us on the journey of faith.
**Come, Holy Spirit, Come! Amen!**

*Rev. Mindi*

**Song - Spirit of the Living God SASP 172**

**The coming of the Spirit**

**Reading – Acts 2: 1-4**

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.

**‘Pentecost’** *Malcolm Guite*

**Reflection**

**Here in this place SASP 75**

**The presence of the Spirit**

**Reading - Psalm 139: 7-10**

Where can I go from your Spirit?
    Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
    if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
    and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
    and your right hand shall hold me fast.

**Reflection**

**Veni sancte spiritus *(Come Holy Spirit)*  *Taizé***

Veni sancte spiritus

**Silence**

*We share in 3-5 minutes of silence, to sit in the presence of God’s Holy Spirit.*

**My peace I leave you SASP 142**

**Prayers of intercession**

Loving God,

We ask for the gift of your Holy Spirit

to help us pray.

Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

We ask for the energy and vision of your Spirit

for those who are tiring in the battle against injustice and oppression:

for those exhausted by the struggle with poverty and hunger.

Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

We ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit

for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain;

for those whose lives are darkened by sorrow or bereavement.

Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

We ask for the peace and joy of your Spirit

for those living in the shadow of war or violence;

for those eaten up by guilt or anxiety.

Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

We ask for the guidance and strength of your Spirit

for those uncertain how to use their time, talents and gifts;

for those tempted to do what they know is wrong.

Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

We ask for the love and courage of your Spirit

for those reaching out to comfort the distressed;

for those reaching out to others with the Good News of Christ.

Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

Loving God,

We ask for the assurance of your Spirit

to know your presence with us in our daily lives:

in our relationships;

in our work and service;

in our worship;

in our times of joy and our times of pain.

Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

In Jesus’ name: **Amen**

*Church of Scotland*

**Sing of the Lord’s Goodness SASP 170**

**Closing prayer**

As we go now to our daily living,

may the Spirit come to us in new and exciting ways:

as a gentle whisper, in dreams, in silence, in prayer;

as a strong wind, in lives filled with love and compassion;

as a mighty storm, in exuberant hearts of joy.

So let us go now,

filled with the Spirit all our days!

**Amen** *Sacred Pauses blog*