

And now, in the power of the Spirit, let us pray with Christ to the Eternal One:

**God, our Creator,  
beloved companion and guide upon the way,  
eternal Spirit within us and beyond us;  
may we honour your name,  
in lives of costly, giving love;  
may we show due dignity and respect  
to others and to ourselves;  
may our lives display your longing for justice and peace  
among the peoples of the world;  
may we share our bread with one another,  
the bread that you have shared with us;  
as you have forgiven us, so may we make friends  
with those we have harmed, or failed to love;  
give us courage to overcome our trials, our temptations,  
and our suffering, as you overcame them too...  
and may we, in your love, free the world from evil,  
transforming darkness into light. Amen.**

*As the Bread is broken, all begin the Communion song:*

**Holy Spirit, come to us, kindle in us the fire of your love.  
Holy Spirit, come to us; Holy Spirit, come to us!**

*After Communion silence is kept, then a blessing is given.*

*Song for going out: 666 The Spirit lives to set us free.*

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

## *Community Communion for Pentecost 2026*

### **Welcome and introduction**

**Opening hymn:** 114 Come down, O love divine

### **Confession:**

Holy Spirit, our ears have been closed to your music. Lord,  
have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, our eyes have been closed to your wonders. Christ,  
have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, our hearts have been closed to your love. Lord,  
have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Eternal One,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Companion. **Amen.**

**Song: Come, Holy Spirit, descend on us, descend on us,  
We gather here in Jesus' name. Oo – oo – oo**

**Reading:** Acts 2.1-11

**Story and response**

**Hymn:** 117 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire.

**Intercessions**

*All are invited to offer their own prayers, in silence or aloud, with the response* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer!**

**Offertory** *with the response* **Blessed be God for ever!**

**Eucharistic Response:** (Nigeria)

**Come, O Holy Spirit, come (Spirit of wisdom)**  
**come, almighty Spirit, come; (Spirit of truth and love)**  
**come, come, come. (O Spirit, come)**

The Eternal One be with you! **And with your spirit!**

Lift up your hearts **We lift them to the Eternal One.**

Let us give thanks to the Giver of Bread.

**It is good to give thanks and praise.**

We give thanks for the Holy Spirit,  
who broods over the darkness as the world is created;  
who mingles with our spirit in the depths of our being,  
who descended as a dove at the baptism of Jesus;  
who gives life to the Church, the Body of Christ,  
**Come, O Holy Spirit, come...**

Come, Holy Spirit, descend on us afresh:  
sanctify these gifts of bread and wine,  
that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ.  
**Come, O Holy Spirit, come...**

Filled with the Spirit, on the night he was betrayed,  
Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his  
disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body!"  
**Come, O Holy Spirit, come...**

At the end of the meal, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
"drink this, all of you: this is my Blood!"  
**Come, O Holy Spirit, come...**

And so we give thanks for all that Jesus was, and all that he did;  
for his coming among us, his life, his suffering and his death,  
his rising to new life, his ascension into heaven,  
and the gift of the Spirit which we celebrate today..  
**Come, O Holy Spirit, come...**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
we join the angels and saints, and with all your children, living  
and departed, to celebrate and sing:  
**Come, O Holy Spirit, come...**

And let all God's people say Amen. **AMEN!**