

St.Mary's Church, Eastham



Celtic Morning Prayer
Wednesday 3rd June 2020

**Have mercy on us Almighty God,
O Holy Spirit.
O Spirit of love.
O Spirit of grace.
O Spirit, from whom all good comes.
O Spirit, who annuls all guilt.
O Spirit, who wipes out sin.
O Spirit, who rules all creation, visible and invisible,
Have mercy on us.**

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit,
Comforting fire,
Life of all creation.
Anointing the sick, cleansing body and soul,
Fill this body!

Holy Spirit,
Sacred breath, Fire of love,
Sweetest taste, Beautiful aroma,
Fill this heart!

Holy Spirit,
Filling the world,
from the heights to the deep,
Raining from clouds, filling rivers and sea,
Fill this mind!

Holy Spirit,
Forgiving and giving,
uniting strangers, reconciling enemies,
Seeking the lost, and enfolding us together,
Fill these gathered here!

Holy Spirit,
Bringing light into dark places, igniting praise,
Greatest gift, our Hope and Encourager,
Holy Spirit of Christ,
I praise you!

Amen.

Hildebard of Bingen (1098-1179AD)

Bible Reading: Acts 2:1-13 (The Message Bible)

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;
Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,
Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;
Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;
Even Cretans and Arabs!

"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"

Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

Short Reflection

Intercessions

Holy Spirit,
we circle the world with the flame of your love,
and pray for peace and justice where there is inequality and war;
for dancing and joy in place of oppression
and the daily grind of poverty.
May all enjoy the feast of life.

Your will be done,
ON EARTH, AS IN HEAVEN.

Lady Wisdom,
we circle where we are with the flame of your love –
and thank you for friends and fun, for gifts and talents.
We pray for your peace in our hearts as we journey along together,
and for a knowledge of your gifts within us.

Your will be done,
ON EARTH, AS IN HEAVEN.

Healing Spirit,
we circle with your blessing all those who will be born today.
Protect and cherish them, loving God ...

We circle with your healing love
all those who are enduring illness or disease,
Be with them in their suffering, O God ...

And we circle with your glorious light,
all those who will die today.
Take them into your arms
and embrace them, O God ...

Your will be done,
ON EARTH, AS IN HEAVEN.

Guiding Spirit,
We circle our parish and our communities with the flame of your love,
And we pray that we may be open to your will for us. Open our minds and
our hearts to the breath of your word and the possibilities you offer to us
now as we seek to grow your kingdom here, now.

Your will be done,
ON EARTH, AS IN HEAVEN.

Hear our prayers,
and bless us living God.
Hold the secret longings of our hearts
in the mystery of your love,
that the light of the Kingdom
will continue to shine on earth.

AMEN

Closing Responses

In your world, living God:
WE WILL SING YOUR SONG OF JUSTICE.

In your world, living God:
WE WILL DANCE YOUR DANCE OF PEACE.

In your world, living God:
WE WILL LIVE YOUR WAY OF LOVE.

Blessing

The song of creation restore you,
the song of justice infuse you,
the song of heaven enlighten you,
and the blessing of the living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us now and always.

AMEN

