

Introduction

Welcome and an Introduction to the service.

Holy Spirit, living breath of God



Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord,
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.

Christ be with me and Christ before me.
Christ behind me and Christ in me.
Christ beneath me and Christ above me.
Christ on my right and Christ on my left.
Christ when I lie down and Christ when I
arise.
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks
of me.
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks
of me.

Christ in every eye that sees me.
Christ in every ear that hears me.
I arise today through thy almighty strength.
The invocation of the Trinity through belief
in the threeness
through the confession of the oneness
of the Creator of all creation.

Prayer of St Patrick

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Invitation to Prayer

Words of welcome

{f35}Leader
May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the communion of the
Holy Spirit
be with you always!

Congregation
And also with you.

{f35}Reader 1
Brothers and sisters in Christ, this year the
theme of the
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, chosen
by the sisters of the
Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland,
is: "Abide in my love
and you shall bear much fruit".

Reader 2
It is the great desire of God, expressed by
Jesus, that we might
come to him and abide in him. He waits for
us tirelessly,
hoping that, united to him in love, we will
bear fruit that will

bring life to all, Faced with our differences,
we risk
withdrawing into ourselves and seeing only
that which
separates us. But let us listen to how Christ
calls us to abide in
his love, and so bear much fruit.

{f35}Reader 1

In the three moments of prayer that follow,
we remember the
call of Christ, we turn to his love, to him who
is the centre of
our life. For the path of unity begins in our
intimate
relationship with God. Abiding in God's love
strengthens the
desire to seek unity and reconciliation with
others.

God us up to those who are different from
us. This is an important
fruit, a gift of healing for the divisions within
us, between us,
and in the world.{/f35}

Leader

In peace let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, you are the vinedresser who cares for
us with love.

You call on us to see the beauty of each
branch united

to the vine, the beauty of each person.

And yet, too often the differences in others
make us afraid.

We withdraw into ourselves.

Our trust in you is forsaken.

Enmity develops between us.

Come and direct our hearts toward you once
again.

Grant us to live from your forgiveness
so that we may be together and praise your
name.

Amen{/f35}

Litany of Praise

Litany of praise

{f35}Congregation

You who call us to be praise in the midst of
the earth:
glory to you!

Reader 1

We sing your praise in the midst of the
world and among all peoples,

Reader 2

We sing your praise in the midst of creation
and among
all creatures.

Congregation

You who call us to be praise in the midst of
the earth:
glory to you!

{f35}Reader 1

We sing your praise among suffering and
tears,

Reader 2

We sing your praise among promises and
achievements.

Congregation

You who call us to be praise in the midst of
the earth:
glory to you!

Reader 1

We sing your praise in the places of conflict
and
misunderstanding;

{f35}Reader 2

We sing your praise in the places of
encounter
and reconciliation.

{f35}Congregation

You who call us to be praise in the midst of
the earth:
glory to you!

Reader 1

We sing your praise in the midst of rifts and
divisions,

Reader 2

We sing your praise in the midst of life and
death,
the birth of a new heaven and a new earth.

Congregation

You who call us to be praise in the midst of
the earth:
glory to you!{/f35}

The First Vigil

Abiding in Christ:

The unity of the whole person

Psalm 103

{f35}Psalm 103

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy
name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits-
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and
mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you
live
so that your youth is renewed like the
eagle's.

The LORD works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast
love.

He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our
sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those
who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from
us.

As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who
fear him.

For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.

As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the LORD
is from everlasting to everlasting on those
who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

The LORD has established his throne in the
heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the LORD, O you his angels,

you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.

Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers
that do his will.

Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of
his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Reading John 15 1-17

{f35}A reading from the Gospel of St John

"I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vine-grower.
He removes every branch in me that bears
no fruit.
Every branch that bears fruit he prunes
to make it bear more fruit.
You have already been cleansed by the word
that I have spoken to you.
Abide in me as I abide in you.
Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself
unless it abides in the vine,
neither can you unless you abide in me.
I am the vine, you are the branches.
Those who abide in me and I in them bear
much fruit,
because apart from me you can do nothing.

Whoever does not abide in me is thrown
away

like a branch and withers;
such branches are gathered,
thrown into the fire, and burned.
If you abide in me, and my words abide in
you,

ask for whatever you wish,
and it will be done for you.

My Father is glorified by this,
that you bear much fruit and become my
disciples.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved
you;

abide in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will
abide in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's
commandments

and abide in his love.

I have said these things to you so that my
joy may be in you,

and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment,
that you love one another as I have loved
you.

No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I
command you.

I do not call you servants any longer,
because the servant does not know what
the master is doing;

but I have called you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything that I have heard from my
Father.

You did not choose me but I chose you.

And I appointed you to go and bear fruit,
fruit that will last,

so that the Father will give you whatever
you ask him in my name.
I am giving you these commands so that you
may love one another. {/f35}

Ubi Caritas

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Ubi caritas et amor,
Deus ibi est.

Where charity and love are,
God is there.

Silence (Approximately 1 minute)

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Intercessions

Reader
God of love, through Christ you said to us:
"You did not
choose me but I chose you." You seek us,
you invite us to
receive your friendship and abide in it.
Teach us to respond
more deeply to this invitation, and grow in a
life that is ever
more complete.

Congregation
The joy of our heart is in God.

Reader
God of life, you call us to be praise in the
midst of the world
and to welcome one another as a gift of
your grace. May your
loving gaze, which rests upon each person,
open us to receive
each other just as we are.

Congregation
The joy of our heart is in God.

Reader
God you who gather, you knit us together as
one vine in your
Son Jesus. May your loving Spirit abide in us
at local church
and community meetings and ecumenical
gatherings. Grant
that together we celebrate you with joy.

Congregation
The joy of our heart is in God.

Reader
God of the one vineyard, you call us to abide
in your love in all
we do and say. Touched by your goodness,
grant us to be a
reflection of that love in our homes and
workplaces. May we
bridge rivalries and overcome tensions.

Congregation
The joy of our heart is in God.

Time of Silence

A time of silence

Leader
Very often we think of prayer as something
we do,
an activity of our own.
In this short time we are invited to an
interior silence,
and to turn aside from all the noise
and concerns of our lives and thoughts.
In this silence the action belongs to God.
We are simply called to abide and rest in
God's love.

Silence (approximately 2 minutes)

Lumière de Dieu



Lumière de Dieu,
inonde la terre,
visite nos coeurs
et demeure avec nous.

Come light, light of God
give light to creation,
enlighten our hearts
and remain with your world.

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Second Vigil

The Second Vigil

The visible unity of Christians

Psalm 85

Psalm 85

LORD, you were favourable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.

You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us.

Will you be angry with us forever?

Will you prolong your anger to all
generations?

Will you not revive us again,
so that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his
faithful,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who
fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each
other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the
sky.

The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.

1 Cor 1 10 13a

A reading from 1 Corinthians

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,
by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that all of you be in agreement
and that there be no divisions among you,
but that you be united in the same mind
and the same purpose.

For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided?

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism

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There is one Lord,
One faith, one baptism.
There is one God
Who is Father of all

Silence (approximately 1 minute)

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Intercessions 2

Intercessions

Reader
Holy Spirit, you create and re-create the Church in all places.
Come and whisper in our hearts the prayer which Jesus addressed to his Father on the eve of his passion: "that they may all be one... so that the world may believe".

Congregation
Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy)

Reader
Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, light the fire of your love in us so

that suspicions, contempt and misunderstanding cease in the Church. May the walls that separate us fall.

Congregation
Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy)

Reader
Holy Spirit, Consoler of all, open our hearts to forgiveness and reconciliation and bring us back from our wanderings.

Congregation
Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy)

Reader
Lord Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, give us poverty of spirit so that we may welcome the unexpectedness of your grace.

Congregation
Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy)

Reader
Holy Spirit, you never abandon the men, women and children who are persecuted for their fidelity to the gospel. Give them strength and courage, and support those who help them.

Congregation
Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy)

The Peace

Sharing a Sign of Peace

Leader

The Lord calls us to be united among ourselves.

He gives us his peace and invites us to share it.

Let us exchange a sign of his peace with our neighbours.

Lumière de Dieu

Lumière de Dieu,
inonde la terre,
visite nos coeurs
et demeure avec nous.

Come light, light of God
give light to creation,
enlighten our hearts
and remain with your world.

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The Third Vigil

The unity of all peoples with all creation

Psalm 96

Psalm 96

O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous works among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be
praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

Honour and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the
peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering,
and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in holy splendour;
tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, "The LORD is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never
be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth
rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for
joy
before the LORD; for he is coming,
for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.

Rev 7 9 12

After this I looked,
and there was a great multitude that no one
could count,
from every nation, from all tribes and
peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the
Lamb, robed in white,
with palm branches in their hands.
They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne, and to the
Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the throne
and around the elders
and the four living creatures,
and they fell on their faces before the
throne
and worshipped God, singing, "Amen!
Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour and power
and might be to our God forever and ever!
Amen."

You who are beyond all things

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O toi l'au-delà de tout,
quel esprit peut te saisir?
Tous les êtres te célèbrent;
le désir de tous aspire vers toi.

You who are beyond all things,
what mind can grasp you?
all that lives celebrates you;
the desires of all reaches out towards you.

Silence (approximately 1 minute)

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sermon

The Sermon

Intercessions 3

Intercessions

Reader

God of life, you have created every human
being in your image
and likeness. We sing your praise for the gift
of our many
cultures, expressions of faith, traditions and
ethnicities. Grant
us the courage always to stand against
injustice and hatred
based on race, class, gender, religion, and
fear of those not
like ourselves.

Congregation

God of peace, God of love, in you is our
hope!

Reader

Merciful God, you have shown us in Christ
that we are one in
you. Teach us to use this gift in the world so
that believers of all
faiths in every country may be able to listen
to each other and
live in peace.

Congregation

God of peace, God of love, in you is our
hope!

Reader

O Jesus, you came into the world and shared
fully in our

humanity. You know the hardships of life for people who suffer in so many different ways. May the Spirit of compassion move us to share our time, life and goods with all those in need.

Congregation
God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!

Reader
Holy Spirit, you hear the fury of your wounded creation and the cries of those already suffering from climate change. Guide us toward new behaviours. May we learn to live in harmony as part of your creation.

Congregation
God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!

Moving to the centre

Moving to the centre... and out to the world inspired by a text of Dorotheus of Gaza

Leader
Jesus calls us to abide in him, as branches of the true vine.
He calls us to bear the fruit of God's healing and reconciling love.
He calls us to draw closer to God and to one another as we offer this love to the world.

Imagine a circle drawn on the ground.
Imagine that this circle is the world.

Congregation

At the centre of the world is God, in whom all our desires and longings find their meeting place.

Leader
As we move closer to God, so we draw closer to one another.
And the closer we come to one another . . .

Congregation
...the closer we come to God

Please light candles

Please now light your own candles

Silence (Approximately 1 minute)

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Our Father (trad., bilingual)

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:
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Our Father
Ein Tad,
who art in heaven,
yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd,
thy kingdom come,
deled dy deyrnas,
thy will be done,
gwneler dy ewyllys;
on earth as it is in heaven.
megis yn y nef, felly ar y ddaear hefyd.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Dyro i ni heddiw ein bara beunyddiol
And forgive us our trespasses

a maddau i ni ein dyledion,
as we forgive those
fel y maddeuwn ninnau
who trespass against us.
i'n dyledwyr.
And lead us not into temptation,
Ac nac arwain ni i brofedigaeth;
but deliver us from evil.
eithr gwared ni rhag drwg.
For thine is the kingdom,
Canys eiddot ti yw'r deyrnas,
the power and the glory,
a'r gallu, a'r gogoniant,
for ever and ever.
yn oes oesoedd.
Amen.

Lumière de Dieu

Lumière de Dieu,
inonde la terre,
visite nos coeurs
et demeure avec nous.

Come light, light of God
give light to creation,
enlighten our hearts
and remain with your world.

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After candles

Leader
Spirituality and solidarity are inseparably
linked.
Prayer and action belong together.
When we abide in Christ, we receive the
Spirit of courage
and wisdom to act against all
injustice and oppression.

We say together:

Congregation
Pray and work that God may reign.
Throughout your day
let the Word of God breathe life into work
and rest.
Maintain inner silence in all things
so as to dwell in Christ.
Be filled with the spirit of the Beatitudes:
joy, simplicity, mercy.

The day thou gavest Lord is ended



The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended,
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church, unsleeping
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping
and rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
our brethren 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

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Blessing

Blessing

Leader

Be one, so that the world may believe!
Abide in God's love,
go into the world and bear the fruits of this
love.

Congregation

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and
all peace in faith,
so that we may abound in hope by the
power of the Holy Spirit.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit.
Amen.