

Pentecost Service Kit

The birthday of the church — Acts 2 responsive reading, prayers for the Spirit, and inserts on the fruit and the power of the Holy Ghost.

When to use it: Pentecost Sunday, fifty days after Easter.

Order of service

1. Prelude / gathering music
2. Call to worship (Scripture below)
3. Opening hymn
4. Invocation
5. Prayer of confession and assurance of pardon
6. Responsive reading
7. Scripture reading
8. Sermon
9. Response — communion, offering, or prayer
10. Closing hymn
11. Benediction

Hymn suggestions (public domain)

- Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire
- Breathe on Me, Breath of God
- Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Suggested preaching text

Acts 2:1-41 with Galatians 5:16-25.

Calls to worship

Read one aloud to open the service. Short is better than long — the point is to turn the room toward God before anything else is said.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:4 (KJV)

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:8 (KJV)

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Psalms 100:1-2 (KJV)

Invocation

Holy Spirit, thou didst come upon a frightened room and turn it into a church. Come upon us. Give us boldness where we are timid, unity where we are divided, and fire where we have grown cold. Amen.

Prayer of confession

Lord, we confess that we have quenched thy Spirit — preferring our comfort to thy power and our plans to thy leading. Forgive us and fill us afresh. Amen.

Assurance of pardon

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Romans 15:13 (KJV)

Responsive reading

The Day of Pentecost

Leader reads the plain lines; the congregation reads the lines in bold. Print this page in the bulletin exactly as it appears here.

Leader: And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
Acts 2:1 (KJV)

People: **And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.**
Acts 2:2 (KJV)

Leader: And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
Acts 2:4 (KJV)

People: **And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**
Acts 2:21 (KJV)

All: **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.**
Galatians 5:22-23 (KJV)

Offering sentence

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (KJV)

Benediction

Speak the blessing over the congregation rather than praying it — the biblical pattern is a word given to the people, not a request made on their behalf.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14 (KJV)

Bulletin inserts — cut along the dashed lines

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BULLETIN INSERT 1 · BIBLE SUNDAYS

Power for what?

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:8 (KJV)

Pentecost power is not for spectacle; it is for witness. The Spirit came and Peter preached, and three thousand were added. Ask this week for boldness in one specific conversation.

BULLETIN INSERT 2 · BIBLE SUNDAYS

The fruit of the Spirit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23 (KJV)

Fruit is not manufactured; it is grown. Take one of the nine each day for nine days, pray it into a specific relationship, and let the Spirit do the growing.

Service planning notes

Fill this in on the Thursday before and hand a copy to the musicians, the reader, and the sound desk.

Preacher

Sermon title and text

Reader / liturgist

Hymns

Communion / ordinance

Announcements

Notes

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