

Opening Responses

Lord, open our lips, **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us, **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to You Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: **O come, let us worship.**

A Song of Ezekiel

Ezek 36:25–28

I will pour clean water upon you, purify you from all defilement,
and cleanse you from all your idols.

You shall be my people and I will be your God.

A new heart I will give you, and put a new spirit within you;
I will take from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

You shall be my people and I will be your God.

I will put my spirit within you, make you walk in my ways
and observe my decrees.

You shall be my people and I will be your God.

Psalm of the Day

Glory to You, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Gospel Reading

Gospel acclamation: Celtic Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. ...

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel acclamation: Celtic Alleluia.

Silence

Sharing: What spoke to you in today's readings?

Response of Faith

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart, with all your soul,

with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers

O rushing wild Spirit of God, pour out the fire of love upon us!

May your breeze bring health and wholeness, may your breath heat our resolve,

May your Spirit storm the earth with mercy and grace. (Rev. Karla Miller)

Come, Holy Spirit, creator, and renew the face of the earth.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, counsellor, and touch our lips that we may proclaim your word.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, power from on high: make us agents of peace and ministers of wholeness.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, breath of God, give life to the dry bones of this exiled age, and make us a living people, holy and free.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, purifier and healer, cleanse our wounds and make us whole. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

I invite your intercessions, petitions, and thanksgivings in silence or aloud.

Come, Holy Spirit, wisdom and truth: we ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Collect

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being. Guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (Lynn's paraphrase)

Trusting in the compassion of God and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray,

Our Creator, ground of all being, holy is your name.

May your Holy Spirit come upon us and cleanse us.¹

May your will be done, throughout all your creation.

Give us today what we need for *this* day.

Forgive us our failings and shortcomings and help us to forgive those who have harmed us.

Save us from trials too hard for us and deliver us from evil.

May you reign in the kingdom, the power, and the glory of your love, now and for ever.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

May the God of steadfast and compassionate love fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. **Amen.**

¹ A few ancient authorities read "Your Holy Spirit come upon us and cleanse us" rather than "May your Kingdom come."