



Today is celebrated in the church calendar as Pentecost – when the Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples in Jerusalem, as recorded in the book of Acts.

Although we're not looking specifically at this event in our service today we are reliant on the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives as Christians as we listen to God speaking to us through the songs, the sermon and the prayers.

Heavenly Father will you be with us by Your Spirit in our service this morning. May our worship be fitting and bring you much praise.

Song

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embraced
There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You,
our Saviour ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the Lion awake
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins

Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout,
'All glory to Jesus alone!'

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Read Isaiah 2:6-22

Prayers

What is the significance of praying between Ascension and Pentecost?

■ The Ascension of Christ puts Him right in the centre of heaven, at God's right hand, King over all, as told in Ephesians 1. As we are also risen with Him, a position we are assured of in Ephesians 2, it gives us face-to-face access to the most powerful being, ever!

■ Pentecost marks the arrival of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church - linking the earth to God's heavenly throne, giving us the ability to use that power here on earth, forever!

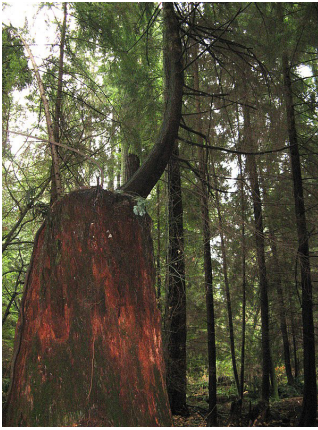
Our Father, who is in heaven, praised and glorified be your name.

Your Kingdom Come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

As you provide all we need and extend your grace and mercy to us which we pass on to those who have wounded us, show us the way to live that we might, with your help, avoid evil.

It is your kingdom, your power and your glory that lives forever so we ask that you will encourage and inspire us to pray for those we love as well as those we don't know in ways that reach up to you and out to them. Amen

Teaching part 1 & 2



Song

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone

Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heaven's reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts

My song, when enemies surround me
My hope, when tides of sorrow rise
My joy, when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died

You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
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O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name
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Nathan Stiff

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Song

There is a higher throne
Than all this world has known
Where faithful ones from every tongue
Will one day come
Before the Son we'll stand
Made faultless through the Lamb
Believing hearts find promised grace
Salvation comes

Hear heaven's voices sing
Their thunderous anthem rings
Through emerald courts and sapphire skies
Their praises rise
All glory, wisdom, power
Strength, thanks and honour are
To God our King who reigns on high
For evermore

And there we'll find our home
Our life before the throne
We'll honour Him in perfect song
Where we belong
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
As thirst and hunger die
The Lamb comes as our Shepherd King
We'll reign with him.

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May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever. Amen.

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence. Amen.

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.