

This Week's Worship: Pentecost

Opening

Wherever we come together,

God is with us.

God is here.

We come together to say sorry

We come together to say Thank you

We come together to ask for God's help

We come together to hear God's story

We come together to celebrate God's love.

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Saying Sorry

Hold onto a stone and think about things that you have done this week you would like to say sorry for.

God loves us and forgives us when we are sorry for wrong things we have done.

For times this week when we have made others sad.

We are sorry.

For times this week when we have not helped others

We are sorry.

For times this week when we have not looked after your creation,

We are sorry

For times this week when we have been selfish

We are sorry

Put the stone in a bowl of water

As we leave these things behind, may God forgive us and give us a new, clean start today.

Amen

Saying thank you

To join in you will need: some slips of paper, some pens and an empty jam jar (you can join in without this for the first few weeks but can then join in when you have had the time to put some things in the jar!)

Ask each person to draw or write down on one of the slips something they would like to say thank you for and put it in the jar. As we pray, pull a slip out of the jar and say thank you for what is written on it.

Continue to fill the jar during the week.

OR

As we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit, the helper Jesus promised, you could choose to say thank you for people who have helped you this week!

God, you are amazing and you have given us good things. We thank you for all your gifts to us.

Thank you for...

Amen

Thank you for...

Amen

Thank you for...

Amen

Continue until everyone has had a chance to say something.

Story and response

Listen to this week's story or read a story from the Bible. This week is the story of Pentecost in Acts 2

I wonder which part of this story you liked the most?

I wonder what surprised you about this story?

I wonder what this story makes you feel?

I wonder where you are in this story?

Do you wonder anything about this story?

Prayers

Today we celebrate the birthday of the church, the day when the Holy Spirit came to help the disciples to do things they never thought possible. We all have the potential to do something special for God and the world and the Holy Spirit will help us too!

You will need: a cake, some birthday cake candles (one for each person), a match or lighter

Each person take a candle and think of something special you would like to do to help others or help the world. You might want to take it in turns to say what that special hope is. Put the candles onto the cake and light them. As you light them pray the prayer below:

Pray: God, your Holy Spirit is the helper who will help us to do amazing things for you, for others and for the world. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we can show your love to all who need to know it. Amen

Blow out the candles and eat the cake to celebrate!

Close

Wherever we come together,

God is with us.

God is here.

May God bless us.

May we know that we are loved

May we know that we are cared for.

May we know God's hope.

God is with us

God is here

Amen.

Extinguish the candle.