

At this season of Pentecost  
we remember the voice and the vision you gave  
to that first struggling group of believers,  
filling them with boldness and power.

We give thanks for voices down the centuries,  
martyrs like Stephen, like Joan of Arc,  
like Oscar Romero of El Salvador – men and women  
who have not been afraid to speak your word.

We give thanks for accents and voices today,  
from around the world, which speak to us of Christ  
and enlarge our understanding.

And we give thanks for your Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who was born amongst us  
who lived our common life on earth;  
who suffered and died for us, and rose again.

We give thanks that he is always present  
through the Holy Spirit,  
the voice of all ages  
proclaiming the word of God in the world.

Therefore with all your people in heaven and on earth  
we join in the triumphant hymn of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### **The story of the Lord's Supper**

### **Blessing and Sharing the bread and wine**

### **Prayer**

### **HYMN 329 There's a Spirit in the air**

### **Blessing and Sung Amen** (20 (b) in *Rejoice & Sing*)



## *Summertown United Reformed Church*

### **Order of Service**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
2018  
10.30am

### *Pentecost and Holy Communion*

#### **Call to worship:**

Come, Holy Spirit, blow amongst us  
as we celebrate your calling us  
to be the people of God: birthing the Church.

**Awaken our hearts with your breath.**

Come, Holy Spirit, rain upon us  
as we celebrate your showering of gifts  
upon the people of God: empowering the Church.

**Awaken our hearts with your joy.**

Come, Holy Spirit, move between us  
as we celebrate your awakening in us  
the vision of all people on earth  
as God's people.

**Awaken our hearts with your life.**

#### **HYMN 269 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun**

## Responsive Reading from Psalm 104:

O Lord our God, you are very great:  
**you are clothed in splendour and majesty.**

You make winds your messengers:  
**and flashes of fire your servants.**

How many are your works:  
**the earth is full of your creatures!**

When you hide your face, they are afraid:  
**when you take away their breath, they die.**

When you send your Spirit they are created:  
**and you renew the face of the earth.**

**Glory be to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
for ever. Amen.**

## Opening Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

### Introduction

**HYMN 303 Spirit divine, attend our prayers**  
*[Tune Gerontius - Rejoice & Sing 103, 2<sup>nd</sup> tune]*

Greeting     *The Leader says:* The Lord be with you  
the children   *We reply:*           **And also with you**

### Organ voluntary

**Bible readings:   Acts 2: 1 – 17, 21  
                          Romans 8:22-27**

**Reader:**       Thanks be to God,  
                  who speaks through the scriptures

**All:**            **Thanks be to God**

**HYMN            Spirit of God, unseen as the wind**  
*[On sheet. Tune – Skye Boat Song]*

## Sermon

### *Silence for reflection*

## Prayers of intercession

### ***The Lord's Supper***

*Elders and myself have decided to simplify the serving of communion, initially for a trial period.*

*There are two plates for bread, as before, the two elders each taking one and serving one side of the church each.*

*There is one chalice with wine and one set of chalicules filled with a non-alcoholic drink. One elder will take the cup and one will take the tray of chalicules, serving the whole church by circulating in different directions.*

**HYMN 447 I come with joy to meet my Lord**  
*[2<sup>nd</sup> tune St Botolph]*

## The Invitation to Communion

### Sharing the Peace

## Offertory and Prayer of Dedication

### Thanksgiving:

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

With joy we give you thanks and praise:

God of many voices, time and again

you have filled the lives and voices of your people

with your Word,

which has been to the world

like the leaping of crackling flames.           *over ...*