

Call to worship

**Breathe on me, Breath of God
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

Prayers of Praise

God of imagination and wonder!
You breathe your Spirit into chaos
even the confusion in which we are living,
to shatter the emptiness of our hearts
to reshape them into beauty.
you whispered your Word into the silence,
and rivers raced to the oceans
and bugs creepy-crawled across meadows;
whisper your Word now
into the silence of our isolation,
so we might see the butterflies drifting in the air,
and see the dolphins leaping from the waves.
Like any loving parent, you fed creation with hope,
as you long for us to care for others,
but we run off with tellers of lies,
we lock ourselves in death's quarantine.
Yet these moments of fear and worry are not new,
and so you keep sending those we call prophets.
to tell of what you are doing and will do,
yet we continue to huddle in with sellers of fear
to shutter our hears from such words.
So you sent Jesus to us,
to breathe your peace upon us
and to bring us back to you.
With those who continue to live in isolation
yet long to share the Spirit with others,
we will sing your praise forever and ever
Amen

**We are marching in the light of God...
We are moving in the power of God...
We are living in the love of God...**

Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Video: Release the Fire, Barbara A Holmes

What Inspires you?

Jane Bennett:

I give thanks for the privilege of being a Worship Leader. It is a humbling experience to lead worship. Who am I to try and convey God's love? But I know God needs us to use our voice, hands and gifts to be his advocates here, and to be channels for the Holy Spirit.

What inspires me most is when we lead Local Arrangement Services at Northolt Church. I cannot comment further without first saying how thankful I am for Carol Morrison, who is such an inspiration to us in Local Arrangement Services. She is always thinking of new people to include and values so much the contributions of all the congregation. These services have been a coming together of us all as a congregation with our thoughts, worship, music and prayers. We have had a variety of speakers over the years who have inspired us to think about others needs and to raise money for charity. Some topics have been about things we would never otherwise have heard of, such as the ACLT (African Caribbean Leukaemia Trust) and of the support group for the parents of babies in Hillingdon Hospital neo natal unit. This has then enabled us to respond as Christians to others needs.

We have developed the skills and gifts of the congregation to take part in readings, prayers and talks. Some have read the scriptures in church for the first time. Children have come to the front and taken part. We have enjoyed picking the songs and hymns for the services, and having a go at new ones.

We have had a series of testimonies by different members of the congregation and friends or family of congregation. These have been totally inspiring as we find out more about how God has moved in their lives and brought them to where they are now. It has been amazing to know of the backgrounds some have come from – something we might never have known if we hadn't given them this opportunity. We have learnt the power of personal testimony to inspire and communicate the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

We are forever thankful and grateful that we have worshipped together week by week, and bonded in this experience with God and with each other. We have been inspired by each other's faith and miracles. I pray that we will all draw on this now to sustain and carry us through the current crisis. The Holy Spirit is not confined to a building, the dynamic breath of God that falls on all of us still inspires us and gives us hope.

Sylvia Murray:

There are many things that inspire me to worship. If I should choose one, it's the faith and determination of parents with children who have illnesses which require endless visits to hospitals and numerous bouts of surgery, and can, through it all remain positive. And added to that, when I see children who have come through these trying times being determined to give their all to lead a full life and to help others in the process with humour and joy, I am reminded how much I have to be thankful for.

Phil Male

What inspires you?

When do you feel that fire within your bones, that spark of God's life? What draws you to worship or sends you to service

**The Spirit lives to set us free,
walk, walk in the light;
he binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.
*Walk in the light, walk in the light,
walk in the light,
walk in the light of the Lord.***

**Jesus promised life to all,
walk, walk in the light;
the dead were wakened by his call,
walk, walk in the light.**

**By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
walk, walk in the light;
the Father's kindness is revealed,
walk, walk in the light.**

**The Spirit lives in you and me,
walk, walk in the light;
his light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light.**

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

written by Kathleen Loveridge

Heavenly Father; we give you thanks that from the earliest days of human history you called men and women to belief, and inspired in them a desire to know you and to understand you more and more fully;
that you revealed your nature to them through dreams and visions, through story-telling and prophecy;
that you brought them to an understanding of your laws and commandments for their well-being;
that you inspired them to record their experience of your love and care in wood and stone, in words and pictures.

We thank you that in due time you sent your Son, Jesus, into our world, that by his teaching and example you were revealed to us more fully than before.

Above all, today on this Pentecost Sunday, we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit who remains with us always, and continues to inspire us to new revelations of your grace and goodness.

We recognise and value all those who have continued to be inspired by your Word, and have helped to interpret it for others and for us; for writers and translators who have given us the Holy Scriptures, and theologians and teachers who have offered us new insight into familiar stories; for painters and composers, for sculptors and architects who have offered aural and visual interpretations to enhance our understanding; for those who lead us to worship and praise using dance and drama, film and puppetry to stretch out imagination and deepen our faith.

On this Sunday, too, we give thanks particularly for those faithful Preachers and Worship Leaders whom you have called to serve in this Ealing Trinity Circuit at this time;

for those who first inspired and encouraged them in the work;

for those who taught and trained them;

and for your Holy Spirit who directs all that they do and say.

May that Spirit be their constant guide and mentor as they continue to exercise the special gifts that you have provided to them, and may others be called likewise to share this work.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

**O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!**

**There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.**

Offering Prayer and Blessing