

## Act of Worship

### ENERGY

Year 3

*"The wonder and power of the Holy Spirit!"*



#### Gathering Together

**Focal Point suggestions:** A windmill  
Red balloons  
Cross  
vibrant colours for drapes; brightly coloured flowers  
candle  
Bible opened at Acts 2:1-4  
Any work done

**Leader:** { *light the "Easter" candle* }

Let us gather together **In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

During this Easter season we specially remember especially that Jesus rose from the dead. After Jesus' Resurrection, he told his friends, that they would not be left alone. He said, 'You will receive the power of the Holy Spirit'.

And so let us pray a special prayer to the Holy Spirit..

**Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth.**

**Reader:** We have been reflecting on the energy of wind and fire.

*The children may share any work done.'*

Each year at Pentecost, Christians remember and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the new energy, the new power that he gives to the friends of Jesus.

#### The Word

**Leader:** Mary and the apostles were in Jerusalem living quietly together. They were uncertain as to what to do but wait. There were lots of people in the city at that time because it was the Jewish feast of Pentecost, that is thanksgiving for the harvest. This is what happened next...

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong and powerful wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed,

‘These people who are talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages? We are from many different countries yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!’ Amazed and confused, they kept asking one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others made fun of the believers, saying, ‘These people are drunk!’ Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd: ‘Fellow-Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, listen to me and let me tell you what this means. These people are not drunk, they are filled with God’s Holy Spirit. Instead, this is what the prophet Joel spoke about: God says: ‘I will pour out my Spirit on everyone and they will proclaim my message.’ Awe and wonder came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Response to the Word**

**Leader:** The Good News of God’s love and power spread like sparks from a fire and warmed the people’s hearts towards God and one another. The people who were watching were astonished when they saw how much the apostles loved one another. The Holy Spirit inspired a new way of living.

*Children may share any work done – particularly on the gifts of the Holy Spirit*

The response to our litany is:  
Come Holy Spirit

- All: Come, Holy Spirit**
- Child 1:** Fill us with your life
- All: Come, Holy Spirit**
- Child 2:** Fill us with your energy
- All: Come, Holy Spirit**
- Child 3:** Fill us with your joy
- All: Come, Holy Spirit**
- Child 4:** Fill us with your love
- All: Come, Holy Spirit**
- Child 1:** Fill us with your peace.....*children may add their own prayers*

**Going**

**Leader:** Think for a moment about which gift of the Holy Spirit you feel you need – wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence or awe and wonder in God’s presence..... Ask the Holy Spirit to help you use that gift this week