

# Knox Service Outline- Pentecost

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## Prelude

Music

## Welcome/Announcements/Land Acknowledgement (Unison)

Elder

Knox Church recognizes that the land where we gather for worship belongs to God, as does all of creation. We also acknowledge the Coast Salish Peoples on whose territories we meet, worship, and engage in ministry. We recognize that this is the unceded territory of the Lkwungen and WSÁNEĆ people. As we pray, reflect, and celebrate in this place, we do so as guests lamenting historic and current injustices. We are grateful to be here, and we honour the Nations who have cared for these lands, waters and air and continue to do so today. We ask that God lead us along the path of reconciliation, bringing accountability and healing.

## Gathering Song: Dance with the Spirit (Verses 1-3)

Music

**Psalm:** 104:24-35

Pastor

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the sea, great and wide;  
creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great.

There go the ships  
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you  
to give them their food in due season;  
when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
    may the LORD rejoice in his works—  
who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
    who touches the mountains and they smoke.  
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
    I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
    for I rejoice in the LORD.  
Let sinners be consumed from the earth,  
    and let the wicked be no more.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Praise the LORD!

**Call to Worship (Responsive)**

**Pastor**

Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,  
**and transform our thoughts and actions.**  
Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,  
**and fill us with your wisdom.**  
Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,  
**and refresh our commitment to serve in repentance, love and renewal.**  
Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,  
**as we worship and witness God's love.**

**First Hymn: Spirit of the Living God #400**

**Music**

**Prayer of Adoration & Confession (Responsive)**

**Pastor**

Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, your energy moves in us and through us to face each new day. You are as close to us as our breath, giving us life. You refresh us like the breeze on a warm afternoon, lending us strength. You challenge us like a strong wind, rousing our attention. Shift our awareness to the wonder of your mystery, wisdom, grace and creation and direct our hearts to the warmth of Christ's love. To you, O God our Creator, Christ our Redeemer, and Holy Spirit we offer our prayers and praise in love and faith. Bring us together, united in worship and witness by your grace and power. In recalling all that you are and have done, we recall who we are and what we have done; and so, we are moved to confess to you our sins:

**God of wind and flame, at Pentecost your Spirit inspired Jesus' followers to speak, in his name, what was needed in ways that all who heard could understand. But we confess that we have ignored your guidance and kept to our own words and understandings rather than letting your Spirit speak through us. We have not always attended to the lessons of that first Pentecost when the Spirit demonstrated that all cultures, all languages can speak your love. We ask your forgiveness for when our witness has been false; when what we have said and done in your**

**name came not from your Spirit or from love for you, but from love of ourselves or of power and control. Forgive us for the sins we have committed by our actions and the sins we have committed by failing to act. Send your Spirit to inspire our faith and energize us in repentance and transformation for just mission and loving ministry.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Pastor**

The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live in the renewing power of the Spirit. Thanks be to God for this most generous gift.

**Second Hymn: Breathe on me Breath of God #389**

**Music**

**Prayer for Understanding (Unison)**

**Reader**

**Spirit of God, at Pentecost you created new understanding among Jesus' gathered disciples, filling them with your Spirit to witness to your love in ways all those who were gathered could hear and understand. On Healing and Reconciliation Sunday, this Pentecost Day, we ask to be filled with your Spirit again, that we may be transformed by new understanding of your love and of what is required of us, through the breath of your Word. Breathe your energy and understanding into the work of healing and reconciliation to which we are called, and enliven us to act faithfully in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Scripture 1: Numbers 11:24-30 (NRSV)**

**Reader**

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

**Scripture 2: 1 Peter 3:13-4:6 (JPV)**

**Reader**

Who is going to harm you if you are willing to do good? For, even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are actually blessed. So don't be afraid of the things the world threatens you with. Don't worry. Keep yourselves focused on Christ as Lord. Always be ready to give anyone who asks, an explanation for the hope you have. But make sure you do this with gentleness, respect, and a clear conscience. This way, if anyone makes accusations about your Christian life, their slander will be discredited. It is better, if God wills it, to suffer for doing good than for doing wrong. For Christ died for all wrong doing, once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you into relationship with God. He was actually dead, but later, the

Spirit brought him back to life. Through this same Spirit he also went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, those who refused to obey long ago during the time of Noah when the ark was being built, though God waited patiently. Only a few people in the ark, eight in all, were saved through the water. That water symbolizes baptism, which also now saves you — not by washing dirt off your body, but by the security of a cleaned conscience towards God. This is accomplished by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has ascended into heaven, and is seated at God's right hand – with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

In light of this, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with this same attitude, for the one who has suffered in his body is not concerned about sin. As a result, that person does not live life in the pursuit of evil human desires, but in the pursuit of God's will. For you have spent enough time in the past living in worldly pursuits – sensual indulgence, lust, drunkenness, debauchery, depravity and unrestrained idolatry. People will think it is strange that you do not join them in their waters of indulgence, and they will slander you for it. But they will have to face the One who is ready to judge the living and the dead. This is why the good news was proclaimed, even to those who have since died. They were also judged according to human perspective regarding their physical lives, but they are alive in the Spirit according to God's perspective.

**Response**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Reader**

**Sermon: A Living Hierarchy**

**Pastor**

**Third Hymn: Love Divine, All Love Excelling**

**#371**

**Music**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Pastor**

At Pentecost, the gifts of the Spirit are poured out on the Church, preparing Christ's followers to serve him in the world. Acknowledging the need for reconciliation to heal the harms we, your church, have caused, we offer our gifts to God with the hope and prayer that the service of the church will reflect the living witness the Spirit leads us to today.

**Offering Song: 306 - Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Music**

**Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

**Pastor**

**Spirit of grace and power, bless these gifts today so that they accomplish the work that is needed in Jesus' name. We offer ourselves, too, so that our lives may faithfully proclaim the Good News with your grace and power. Amen.**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession (Responsive)**

**Pastor**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us on this day of Pentecost and renew our faith. Re-awaken our love for you and give us energy to serve you in Christ's Church. Help us recognize needs for ministry and mission, and equip us to meet new challenges in ways we haven't dared before. Help us discern and enact the transformation needed to heal the harms your church has caused, working for truth, healing and right relations with Indigenous peoples. Give us strength for the tasks to which we are called, both collectively and individually, and breathe through us in prayer and praise.

Spirit of Power and Promise,  
**Move within us and renew our faith.**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and give us understanding for the challenges facing our communities and your creation in these complex times. We pray too for renewed commitment and your guidance to work for the truth, healing, reconciliation and repentance that we are called to do for the church's role in colonization and residential schools. Transform us as disciples who give faithful witness to you and your love.

Spirit of Power and Promise,  
**Move within us and renew our faith.**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and bring healing for all who face pain or illness, discouragement or disappointment, for all who know sorrow, sadness or grief, and for those who face pressures coping with the cost of living. We ask you to bring healing to the earth, to places of upheaval and to ecosystems at risk.

Spirit of Power and Promise,  
**Move within us and renew our faith.**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and bring us the compassion we see in Christ Jesus. Blow through us and refresh us as your faithful followers, equipped to serve the world you love in his name, warm our hearts with trust in Jesus Christ and dare us to live lives of loving service in his name as together we say the words he taught us:

**The Lord's Prayer (Unison)**

**Pastor**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen**

**Fourth Hymn: What A Friend we Have in Jesus #746**

**Music**

**Commissioning & Benediction**

**Pastor**

Go in the strength of the Spirit, to greet those we meet with understanding, loving service and care. And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit and the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Dispersal Song: May the God of hope go with us #726**

**Music**

**Postlude**

**Music**