



Collect and Readings for Sunday 24 May 2026

Collect for the Day of Pentecost

Father, you have filled your people with the Spirit who rested first on your Son and united us in your Church; open the channels for your Spirit that we may freely work together, and your kingdom and your rule increase; for the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

*E te Matua, kua whakakīia e koe tāu iwi ki te Wairua, i tau tuatahi ai ki runga i tāu Tama ā, i whakakotahitia ai mātou ki roto i tāu Hāhi; whakapuarengia mai ngā tatau ki tōu Wairua kia wātea ai mātou ki te mahi tahi, kia piki ake ai te rahi o tōu rangatiratanga me āu tikanga; mō te korōria o tōu ingoa tapu. **Āmine.***

Pentecost Reading from Acts – Acts 2: 1-21

2 When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

⁵There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. ⁷They were surprised and amazed, saying, “Look, aren’t all the

people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? ⁸ How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!” ¹² They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, “What does this mean?” ¹³ Others jeered at them, saying, “They’re full of new wine!”

¹⁴ Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, “Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! ¹⁵ These people aren’t drunk, as you suspect; after all, it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! ¹⁶ Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ *In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
Your young will see visions.
Your elders will dream dreams.*

¹⁸ *Even upon my servants, men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.*

¹⁹ *I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.*

²⁰ *The sun will be changed into darkness,
and the moon will be changed into blood,
before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.*

²¹ *And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*^[a]

Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 12, 3b-13

³ So I want to make it clear to you that no one says, “Jesus is cursed!” when speaking by God’s Spirit, and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are different ministries and the same Lord; ⁶ and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. ⁷ A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. ⁸ A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of

knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, ⁹ faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, ¹⁰ performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. ¹¹ All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

¹² Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. ¹³ We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink.

Gospel Reading - John 20: 19-23

¹⁹ It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.” ²² Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven; if you don’t forgive them, they aren’t forgiven.”

[Translation: Common English Bible (CEB)]



Hymns for Sunday 24 May 2026

Centring Hymn:

Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls

Inspire

Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above,
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but one;
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song:

Praise to thine eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Opening Hymn:

Shine Jesus Shine

Verse 1

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me

(Chorus)

*Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word Lord
And let there be light*

Verse 2

Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my
darkness
Shine on me shine on me

(Chorus)

Verse 3

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your
story
Shine on me shine on me

(Chorus)

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Gradual Hymn
Breathe on me Breath Of God

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

Verse 3

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Verse 4

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

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(Pentecost by Titan)

Offertory Hymn:
We Belong to God

Verse 1

When we are living, we are in the Lord
And when we're dying,
We are in the Lord.
So in our living,
And in our dying,
We belong to God. We belong to God.

Verse 2

Each day allows us to decide for good
Loving and serving
as we know we should
In thankful giving,
In hopeful living,
We belong to God. We belong to God.

Verse 3

Sometimes we sorrow,
Other times embrace.
Sometimes we question
Everything we face.
Yet in our yearning
Is deeper learning
We belong to God. We belong to God.

Verse 4

Till earth is over, may we always know
Love never fails us: God has made it so
Hard times will prove us,
Never remove us,
We belong to God. We belong to God.

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During Communion:
Veni Sanctus Spiritus

Closing Hymn:

[God Is Love Let Heaven Adore Him](#)

Verse 1

God is love let heaven adore Him
God is love let earth rejoice
Let creation sing before Him
And exalt Him with one voice
He who laid the earth's foundation
He who spread the heavens above
He who breathes through all creation
He is love eternal love

Verse 2

God is love and He enfoldeth
All the world in one embrace
With unfailing grasp he holdeth
Every child of every race
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod
All the sorrow all the aching
Wrings with pain the heart of God

Verse 3

God is love and though with blindness
Sin afflicts the souls of men
God's eternal loving-kindness
Holds and guides them even then
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain
God is love so love for ever
O'er the universe must reign

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