

# Benefice of Eglwysilan & Caerphilly

## Prayers for Ascension & Pentecost

Lift us, Lord,  
out of darkness into light,  
out of despair into hope.

Lift us, Lord,  
out of sadness into joy,  
out of failure into trust.

Lift us, Lord,  
out of anger into forgiveness,  
out of pride into freedom.

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King of kings and Lord of lords,  
risen, ascended, glorified:  
you have left us a lasting command  
to go out, make disciples of all nations,  
baptise, teach and live to your glory.  
May we perceive your presence  
with us always,  
even to the end of time. Alleluia!  
Blessed be God for ever.

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Sovereign of the Universe,  
a cloud hid you from sight  
yet your mortal humanity has been  
raised to life in God.

We pray for those  
whose life is clouded:  
raise them to life in you.

For those clouded by fear:  
raise them to life in you.

For those clouded by worry:  
raise them to life in you.

For those clouded by hostility:  
raise them to life in you.

May tiny infants in the womb  
be raised to life in you;

may the handicapped and ailing  
be raised to life in you;

may bronzed and brave adventurers  
be raised to life in you;

may thinkers and researchers  
be raised to life in you;

may the battle-scarred and weary  
be raised to life in you.

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As we wait in silence,  
make us ready for Your coming Spirit.

As we listen to Your word,  
make us ready for Your coming Spirit.

As we worship You in majesty,  
make us ready for Your coming Spirit.

As we long for Your refreshing,  
make us ready for Your coming Spirit.

As we long for Your renewing,  
make us ready for Your coming Spirit.

As we long for Your equipping,  
make us ready for Your coming Spirit.

As we long for Your empowering,  
make us ready for Your coming Spirit.

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TOGETHER WE SERVE GOD, CREATION & COMMUNITY

All-Powerful God,  
in the beginning your Spirit swept  
across the waters of chaos,  
fashioning the world by the  
breath of your love.

In every generation your Spirit is  
poured afresh making all things alive  
and directing your creation  
according to your loving plan.

Fulfil the promise of these Fifty  
Days with the abundant harvest  
of your Spirit's gifts.

May the fire of your Holy Spirit burn  
within us and the breath of your power  
fill us with love and joy and peace,  
so that the whole of creation may  
resound with the presence of your  
Son, who is alive and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

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Breath of God,  
blow away all that is unclean.

Breeze of God,  
refresh our tired frames.

Wind of God,  
blow us where you will.

Dew of God,  
refresh our tired routines.

Rain of God,  
revive our withered lives.

River of God,  
flow through us and heal our land.

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God whose breath  
gives energy for struggle,  
set us free to grow  
as the children of God.  
Open our ears that we may hear  
the weeping of the world,  
open our mouths that we may be  
a voice for the voiceless,  
open our eyes that we may  
discern your just and gentle ways,  
open our hearts that we may  
bring courage and faith to life.

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Living God, eternal Holy Spirit,  
let your bright intoxicating energy  
which fired those first disciples  
fall on us

to turn the world again.

Hear this prayer  
for your love's sake. Amen.

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Holy Spirit, mighty wind of God,  
inhabit our darkness,  
brood over our abyss  
and speak to our chaos  
that we may breathe with your life  
and share your creation  
in the power of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Come, O Spirit of Love  
that goes to any lengths,  
that breaks through  
a life-time's crippling habits,  
that wells up from the depths.  
Come, O Spirit of Joy  
that brings a song  
into haggard lives,  
a serenity into our roots,  
and a sparkle into our eyes.  
Come, O Spirit of Peace  
that heals mistrust and brings us  
into harmony with the still centre  
of the universe.

Come, O Spirit of Kindness  
that delights to sweeten the lives  
of others and do beautiful  
things for God.

Come, O Spirit of Goodness  
that opens the heart  
to Christ in friend and stranger.  
Come, O Spirit of Gentleness  
that bears all things  
without harshness or hardness.

Come, O Spirit of Fire  
that burns away lust  
and double-minded ways.  
Come, O Spirit of Wisdom  
that teaches us to see into the  
nature of things in order to know,  
speak, and do what is right.

Come, O Spirit of Power  
that snaps the chains of fear  
and casts out the demons of hell  
and hopelessness.

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