**Pentecost Assembly 2013**

**Gathering Song: *My Witness You’ll Be* – Pat Keady**

**Welcome/Intro: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Welcome to today’s liturgy where we prepare for the feast of Pentecost. At Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and other believers in the early church. We also celebrate and thank God for the presence of the Holy Spirit here and now. As we prepare for prayer, we ask you to open up your hearts to invite the Holy Spirit to make a home within you today.

**Lighting the flame: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to speak, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to light**

We begin by lighting the flame. The flame reminds us of the Holy Spirit who came at Pentecost and who is here with us now.

**MUSIC: *Receive the Power –* Guy Sebastian**

**Opening Prayer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

In the name of the father, and of the son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God our Father,

let the Spirit you sent on your Church

to begin the teaching of the Gospel

continue to work in the world

through the hearts of all who believe.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. AMEN

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We are now about to listen to a reading from the Bible from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. This passage comes just after Jesus rose to Heaven. The apostles are gathered together in a room when the Holy Spirit enters.

**Scripture Reading: Multimedia Clip** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nOm1DMZJITs**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nOm1DMZJITs)

**Reflection: Personal testimony of the Holy Spirit**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** : Let us pray to God our Father who gives us his Spirit through Jesus his son.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our Archbishop Mark, the priests and our teachers, that in their work they may look for guidance from the Holy Spirit. Lord hear our prayer.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: For our school community, that we may overcome obstacles which stop the Holy Spirit working within us. Lord hear our prayer.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: For each one of us, that we may contribute to the good of our Christian community by letting the Holy Spirit grow within us. Lord hear our prayer.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: For people feeling sad or anxious, for those alone, for discouraged Christians, that they may ask the Holy Spirit for comfort, light and strength. Lord hear our prayer.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: For all people, that they may find strong Christians to lead them to turn back to God, to faith in Christ and to being open to the Holy Spirit working within them. Lord hear our prayer.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: Father in heaven, we thank you for having sent your son to communicate to us the Holy Spirit. Make us active members of our Christian community, that your Spirit makes a home in us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Closing Prayer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Father, come and fill the hearts of your faithful

and enkindle in us the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit

and renew the face of the earth.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

We end this prayer in the name of the Father,

and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.