

i te wairua o te **KOTAHITANGA**

UNITED IN THE SPIRIT

FEAST OF PENTECOST

PRIMARY SCHOOL LITURGY RESOURCE

This liturgy aims to engage students in a time of prayer focused on the Holy Spirit and provide a way for your school to unite in prayer with the whole Diocese. Many of these songs and prayers will be used in various ways to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost across the Diocese of Palmerston North.

Adapt where necessary for any alert level requirements and the age of students.

OUTLINE

1. Welcome
2. Song: *Hearts on Fire or Holy Spirit Rock*
3. Opening Prayer
5. Scripture Reading
6. Reflection
7. Prayers of Intercession
8. Song: *Wairua Tapu*
9. Closing Prayer

RESOURCES

- Music and words
- Prayer focus
- Bible for Scripture reading
- Script for readers
- PowerPoint (provided with resources)

MUSIC

- **Hearts on Fire** - Michael Mangan
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79pWkATu1SY>
- **Holy Spirit Rock** – Michael Mangan
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q4oZhw0cJK0>
- **Wairua Tapu** (with Sign Language)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1otKNr8-0Q>



WELCOME

Tena koutou katoa. Welcome to our liturgy. Today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Pentecost is known as the birthday of the church. Pentecost is a particularly special feast for us as a Diocese because of the Holy Spirit which we are consecrated to and our Cathedral is named after. This year we are joining with the whole Diocese in prayer as we were founded 40 years ago.

Please stand for our opening song, _____ [insert which song you choose].

SONG

Invite students to join in singing either *Hearts on Fire, Holy Spirit Rock (without words)*, or another Holy Spirit themed song they are familiar with.

OPENING PRAYER

God of all, you sent your Spirit to be with the disciples, filling them with joy, peace and courage. May we also be filled with your Spirit, be brave and share your peace in our world. Amen.



SCRIPTURE READING: ACTS 2:1-11

From the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was

bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power

REFLECTION

To be led by the teacher

You may like to invite students to reflect on what they have heard in the Scripture, to imagine what it might have been like to be in that room and how it may have felt.

How did the apostles know that the Holy Spirit had come? How do you think Jesus’ followers felt to see and hear such extraordinary signs of the presence of the Holy Spirit?

This amazing event marked the beginning or “birth” of the Christian Church more than 2000 years ago. When do we as Christians receive the gift of the Holy Spirit today? Why do we need the Holy Spirit in our lives?

The Holy Spirit dramatically affected the lives of the apostles. They could suddenly speak the languages of many different countries and communities. They had the tools to go far and tell people all about Jesus and his Church. How does the Holy Spirit affect our lives today?

Offer any other reflections on Pentecost you may have.

ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

Optional: You may like to play the 5min YouTube video that explains the story of Acts 2. If not, feel free to remove this slide.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: *E te Ariki*

Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou.

1. When your Holy Spirit revealed itself to the followers of Jesus, at first they were afraid. But once they saw what the Holy Spirit offered them, they embraced it.
Lord, help us also to be open to the Holy Spirit, and to what it can help us to do, and who it can help us to be.
2. Lord, help us to remember the Fruits of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives.
3. Lord, thank you for trusting us to carry on your good work on earth. May we always listen to your guide, the Holy Spirit.

CLOSING PRAYER

Invite students to pray this prayer aloud together. This will be prayed all throughout the Diocese to celebrate Pentecost, uniting us in prayer.

Holy Spirit,
we, the people of the Diocese of Palmerston
North,
different peoples, one people of God,
give ourselves to you.

Through you we know God,
for you are the Spirit of God.

Holy Spirit, work miracles in us,
miracles of new hope, new life and new
beginnings.

Amen.

SONG

Invite students to conclude by joining in singing *Wairua Tapu* which is accompanied with Sign Language.

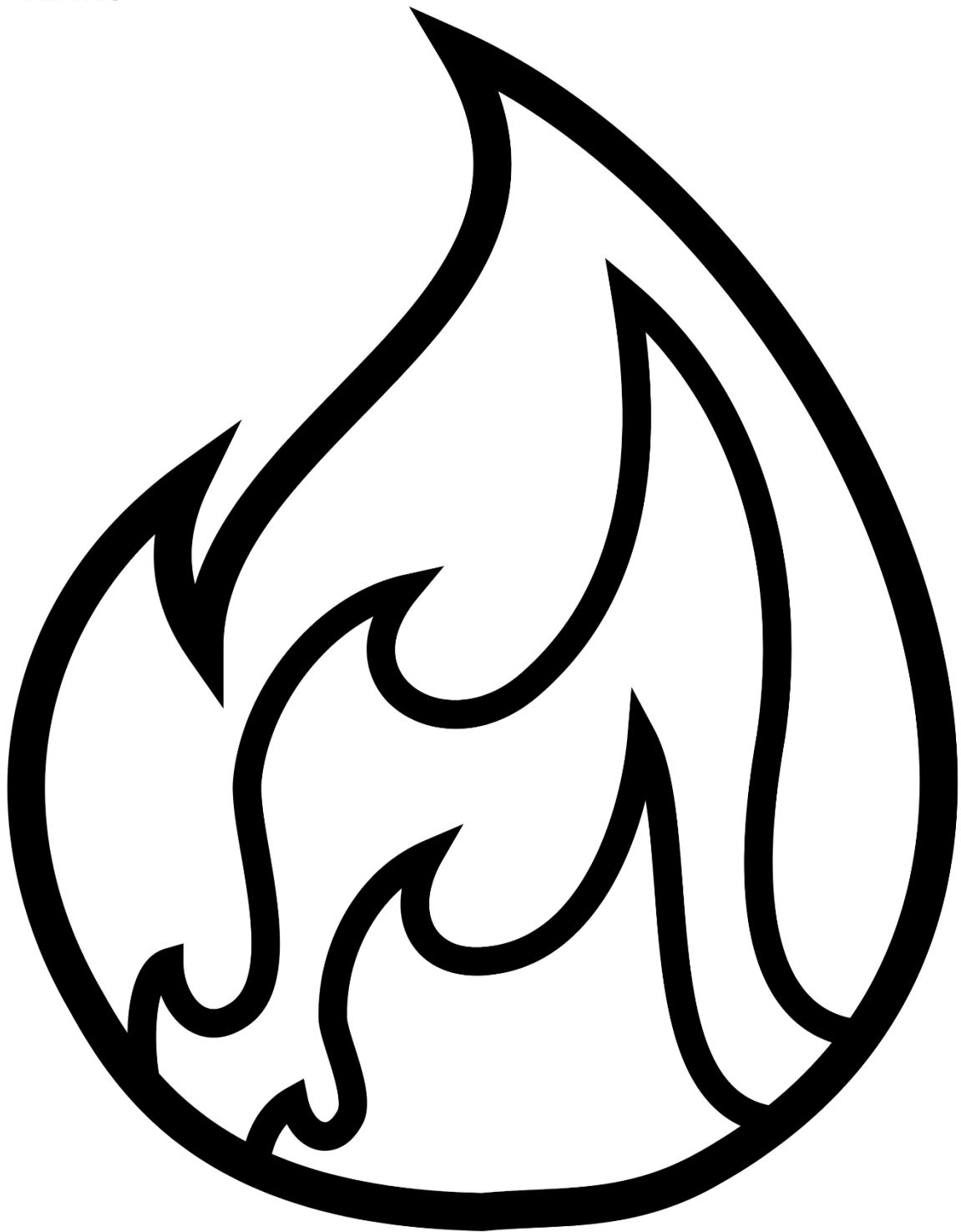
ACTIVITIES

Primary Schools from across the Diocese of Palmerston North and children from our parishes are being invited to print off copies of this flame to decorate and place in windows of the classroom or in homes. This activity links our schools and parishes together. You can print these flames here: www.pndiocese.org.nz/flame or from the next page.

We would love you to share photos of these flames in your windows and any other photos of your students celebrating Pentecost. These can be shared by emailing communications@pndiocese.org.nz or messaging on Facebook at Central Catholic.

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