

A Pentecost Litany



One: We gather in this time and place, all of us from different times and places, here to worship God.

ALL: Many years ago, the people gathered and were ignited by passion for God, lit up by Pentecost fire, shouting out in Pentecost voices, carried away on Pentecost winds.

One: So many years later, we gather. We have learned new ways. We have heard the stories of our past. We come to create stories for the future.

ALL: We are an unfinished church. (R)

One: Like those disciples so many years ago, we are not sure we know the way. We are afraid to make mistakes, afraid to fail. **(R)**

LEFT: But, Christ calls us to carry on the blessing of discipleship, to move forward in love and faithfulness, so that all might find a place in our holy space, our church. **(R)**

RIGHT: So long as even one of us is left outside the door because of our cold-heartedness, we are an unfinished church. **(R)**

LEFT: So long as anyone is lonely, hungry, sick,

forgotten in prison, naked, we are an unfinished church. **(R)**

RIGHT: So long as any one of us is devoid of the great Hope that is our future in Christ Jesus, raised up to set us free from death into everlasting life, we are an unfinished church. **(R)**

One: Every day is a new Pentecost, full of the promise and possibility that God offers.

ALL: Today is a day of dreaming. A Pentecost day filled with refining fire, and holy smoke, and winds of change, and voices full of passion for God and for each other.

One: We are an unfinished church, but we are God's church.

ALL: We are God's church, full of grace and love and hope. Today is a new Pentecost Day, a day of new beginnings. Thanks be to God.

