

We Go Forth

Gathering Rite

Opening Song

“Lead Us to the Water,” *Songs of Celebration* CD, track 14.

Procession

Leader: *Let us pray.
Make the Sign of the Cross together.*

Opening Prayer

Leader: *Loving God, open our hearts to the Holy Spirit as we listen to your Word. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

All: *Amen.*

Celebration of the Word

Leader: *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
Read Acts 2:1–13.*

All: *Thanks be to God.
Sit silently.*

Reflection

- What is the most surprising part of the Pentecost story for you?

Closing Prayer

Blessing for Mission

Leader: *Just as the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and went out to tell the Good News in word and action, so are you. Bow your heads and ask for God’s blessing. Jesus went about the earth doing good. He left us his example to follow. May his love be the guide for all you do.*

All: *Amen.*

Leader: *Jesus came to serve others. May he lead you to serve your brothers and sisters in their need.*

All: *Amen.*

Leader: *Through his Death and Resurrection, Jesus brought new life to the world. May he strengthen you to spread the Good News to all those you meet.*

All: *Amen.*

Adapted from the Book of Blessings, 585

Leader: *Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.*

All: *Thanks be to God.*

