

**FEAST OF PENTECOST 2010** *(for just one candidate)*  
**CLOSING PRAYER, SOLEMN BLESSING & DISMISSAL**  
**INCLUDING PRAYER OVER THE CANDIDATES**

*After the Announcements, those who were confirmed at the Easter Vigil are called to the foot of the altar platform. The other Candle Bearers come up at the same time and stand off to the side by the Ambo.*

**Deacon:** Will John Ingling, who was confirmed at the Easter Vigil, please come forward.

*After they have assembled, the Presider continues.*

**Presider:** We hear in our scriptures that "There are different gifts, but the same Spirit. Different ministries, but the same Lord." Christ told his disciples, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

*(to the people)* Please extend your hands and pray with me for God's blessing on this new member of our community, as we send him out to do the will of God in whatever way the Spirit leads him.

**Presider:** May God our Father complete the work He has begun in you and keep the gifts of His Spirit active in your hearts.

**All:** Amen.

**Presider:** May God strengthen your faith and enable you to recognize the many gifts he has given you.

**All:** Amen.

**Presider:** May you be ready to live His Gospel, eager to do His will, and enthusiastic in proclaiming His Word.

**All:** Amen.

**Presider:** You have been chosen in Christ to be the Father's adopted child. Go now to the whole world. You are sent as His messenger, empowered by His Spirit, enlivened by His Word.

*Presider continues the prayer, standing near the Paschal Candle.*

**Presider:** *(Tell the people that the responses can be found at #11 in the St. James songbook.)* From this Christ candle we light the candles of east, west, north, and south, and carry them forth to share the Good News. And we extinguish the Christ candle as a sign that the Light of the World is no longer with us as he once was.

*John + 3 other persons light candles from the Paschal candle (with help from the Deacon) and begin to move to the four corners of the church, marked by the four wooden crosses on the wall. (there should be musical accompaniment)*

**Deacon extinguishes paschal candle.**

**PRESIDER:** *(ask people to stand ):*  
Jesus invites us to be his light to others  
and to share our Time and Talent with those around us.  
As we look at these lights, we renew in our hearts  
the commission of Jesus to continue his work.  
We become Jesus for others  
and receive Jesus from others  
as the body of Christ.

**Deacon:** Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing:

**Presider:** Lord, may we follow you into the new creation.  
Give us voices that speak,

**CANDLE HOLDERS & ASSEMBLY:** Give us voices that speak,

**PRESIDER:** Hands that work,

**CANDLE HOLDERS & ASSEMBLY:** Hands that work,

**PRESIDER:** Feet that journey,

**CANDLE HOLDERS & ASSEMBLY:** Feet that journey,

**PRESIDER:** And eyes that gaze at the splendor of your world,

**CANDLE HOLDERS & ASSEMBLY:** And eyes that gaze at the splendor of your world.

**PRESIDER:** May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** Amen.

**Deacon:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**All:** Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Sing closing hymn.*

*Extinguish candles when the hymn is over.*