

PRAYER

We come before You, Lord, as a sinful people. We come here today knowing that we are less than You have made us to be. Forgive us we pray in this time of worship. Free us from all that would keep us from You and from Your will for our lives. Help us move beyond ourselves that we might be courageous in our witness to Your love as we seek to be Your heart, Your hands, and Your feet.

Empower us to trust Your most Holy Spirit as he seeks to lead us to do what we fear to do, and to places we fear to go. Thank You for this marvellous gift of life. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS -

Acts 2:1-21 (Page 1078)

John 16:7-14, 20:19-23 (Pages 1069, 1075)

VIDEO SEGMENT - *What is the Pentecost?* - (Watch the attached Video)

SERMON: *“Pentecost - The Coming of the Spirit”* Krikor Youmshajekian

HYMN: 398 *“Come Down, O Love Divine”*

OFFERING - *Help us who have received so freely from You to give as freely in our turn, and so have the pleasure of giving.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving and gracious God, we dedicate these offerings, Lord, for the work of the church, and we ask You to use them in Your service. Amen.

HYMN: 422 *“Come, Holy Spirit, Come!”*

BENEDICTION

May the Holy God guide us in the pathways of truth,
Christ Jesus gather us into loving community as His Body
and the Spirit inspire us and call us on into joy. Amen.

Remember the Holy Spirit comes to us, lives in us and gives power to us.

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PRAISE TO GOD

To the only invisible God, the Father of truth,
who sent forth to us the Saviour and Founder of immortality,
through whom He also revealed to us the truth and the heavenly life,
to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. *(Clement of Rome)*

HYMN: 569 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

A LITANY FOR PENTECOST

Let us pray to God the Holy Spirit,
saying: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, creator, and renew the face of the earth,
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, counsellor,
and touch our lips that we may proclaim Your word.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, power from on high;
Make us agents of peace and ministers of wholeness.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, breath of God,
give life to the dry bones of this exiled age,
and make us living people, holy and free.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, wisdom and truth:
strengthen us in the risk of faith.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

A PENTECOST PRAYER

May the God of all things, who spoke by the Holy Spirit, through the prophets, and sent the Spirit forth upon the apostles here in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, send Him forth now upon you also, and through Him guard us, imparting His bounty in common to all of us, so as to exhibit always the fruits of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, peace, benignity, goodness, faith, mildness, chastity in Christ Jesus our Lord, through whom, and with whom, together with the Holy Spirit, be glory to the Father, now and always and for ever and ever. Amen. *(Cyril of Jerusalem)*

HYMN: 409 “O Breath Of Life, Come Sweeping”

A LITANY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Promise of God, *grant us hope.*

Ray of light, *grant us hope.*

Source of life-giving water, *grant us hope.*

Consuming fire, *grant us hope.*

Spirit of love and compassion, *grant us hope.*

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, *grant us hope.*

Spirit of knowledge and truth, *grant us hope.*

Spirit of peace and reconciliation, *grant us hope.*

Spirit of transformation and renewal, *grant us hope.*

Holy Spirit, Comforter, *grant us hope.*

Holy Spirit, Gift of God, *grant us hope.*

Holy Spirit Who fills the universe, *grant us hope.*

Holy Spirit, You are the Lord, the giver of life;
with the Father and the Son we worship and glorify You:
Come to us now, Spirit of God.

Holy Spirit, You were there at the creation before time began;
Your presence fills the whole universe:
Come to us now, Spirit of life.

Holy Spirit, we have spoken through the prophets of old;
by their witness the Word of God has never been silent:
Come to us now, Spirit of wisdom.

Holy Spirit, You surrounded the waiting church with the wind of Pentecost;
You gave life and breath to announce Christ’s gospel
Come to us now, Spirit of power.

Holy Spirit, You came upon the first Christians as a holy fire;
You set their hearts ablaze with devotion to their risen Lord:
Come to us now, Spirit of love.

Holy Spirit, You pour out Your rich and varied gifts;
You call us to bring forth Your fruit in our lives:
Come to us now, Spirit of grace.

Holy Spirit, You are the Spirit of truth, the Counsellor;
You lead us to the truth that sets us free:
Come to us now, Spirit of God, and renew Christ’s holy church.