



Led by the Spirit

Invocation

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
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Mend me, Melt me,
Mold me and fill me,
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

P: Holy Spirit, lead us now
Boldly to the throne of grace;
While our heads in prayer we bow,
Let Thy presence fill this place.
Holy Spirit, heavenly Guide,
Lead us to the Crucified!

Opening Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire,
let us thine influence prove;
source of the old prophetic fire,
fountain of life and love.

Come, Holy Ghost for moved by thee
the prophets wrote and spoke,
unlock the truth, thyself the key,
unseal the sacred book.

Expand thy wings, celestial Dove,
brood o'er our nature's night;
on our disordered spirits move,
and let there now be light.

God, through Himself we then shall know
if thou within us shine,
and sound, with all thy saints below,

the depths of love divine.

Author: Charles Wesley (1740)

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P. †Glory be to the Father our Creator, to the Son our Redeemer and to the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us.

C. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

C. Blessed is He that has come and is to come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P. Holy art thou, O God.

C. Holy art thou, Almighty Lord.

P. Holy art thou, Immortal Lord.

C. O Lord, the Messiah who was crucified for us † have mercy on us. **(To be repeated thrice)**

P. O Lord, have mercy on us.

C. O Lord, have mercy on us and bless us.

P. O Lord, accept our prayers and worship and have mercy on us.

C. Glory be to you, O God.

P. Glory be to you, O Creator.

C. Glory be to you, O King the Messiah; who has mercy on us sinners. Bless us, O Lord.

(Let us sing together the prayer that Jesus taught us)

***All: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is done in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Forever. Amen.***

(Cong. to be seated)

Lesson 1- Ezek. 36: 24-36

Lesson 2-Rom. 8:12-17

Meditation

THE HOLY SPIRIT

The holy spirit is God's power in action, his active force. (Micah 3:8; Luke 1:35) God sends out his spirit by projecting his energy to any place to accomplish his will.—Psalm 104:30; 139:7.

In the Bible, the word "spirit" is translated from the Hebrew word *ru'ach* and the Greek word *pneu'ma*. Most often, those words refer to God's active force, or holy spirit. (Genesis 1:2)

John 14:16 quotes "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

Jesus also said to His apostles..."All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

The Holy Spirit is not a vague, ethereal shadow, nor an impersonal force. It is a person equal in every way with God the Father and God the Son. The Holy Spirit is the third member of the Trinity. Some have wondered why we are not told more about the Holy Spirit in the Bible, but the mystery is solved when we realize that the Spirit's chief work is not to call attention to Himself but to witness to and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ (John 15:26, 16:14).

This helps to evaluate much of what passes for the Spirit's work today. Wherever the Lord Jesus Christ is being lifted up and glorified and people are coming to Him in true faith, there the Holy Spirit is present and at work. Wherever attention is drawn to anything else, even to so-called miraculous "signs and wonders" there the Holy Spirit is not operating. The Holy Spirit is given to every believer when he or she believes in Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9, 1 Cor 6:19). In fact, it is the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit that makes belief possible (John 16:7-15). The New Testament, especially the book of Acts, also speaks of the "filling" of the Holy Spirit. Which may occur repeatedly, but what marks this "filling" is not signs or tongues or any other wonder, as some believe, but faithful witness to Jesus as the Savior.

Hymn

Come, Holy Spirit, come;
Let thy bright beams arise;
Dispel the darkness from our minds,
And open all our eyes.

Revive our drooping faith;
Our doubts and fears remove;
And kindle in our breasts the flame
Of never-dying love.

Convince us of our sin;
Then lead to Jesus' blood,
And to our wondering view reveal
The secret love of God.

'Tis thine to cleanse the heart,
To sanctify the soul,
To pour fresh life in every part,
And new create the whole.

Dwell, therefore, in our hearts;
Our minds from bondage free;
Then we shall know and praise and love
The Father, Son, and Thee.
Amen.

Author: J. Hart

L: Spiritual Gifts

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

This Poem is inspired by 1 Corinthians 12

Within each mortal being, deep down in the caverns of their soul,
A fertile garden of talents hidden, divine seedlings wait to grow!

Planted by loving hands, into the rich soil of one's heart,
The Heavenly Father's desire, the greatest of blessings to impart!

Inspiring gifts of the Spirit, patiently positioned to one day emerge.
Nurtured by faith, cultivated with truth, and rooted in His sacred word.

The Light of Life, he warms the plant, illuminating the way.
Each child's talents grow into blossoms, to dawn a future day.

Obedience leads to undiscovered abilities, that spring forth to manifest!
A flowering witness of God's goodness, His miracles reverently expressed!

For each of God's children are sacred, endowed with specific gifts!
Fruits to inspire those around us. To lead, to love, and to lift!

"Know that thou art My special child, a masterpiece one of a kind!
I sent thee here with powers, to guide and heal mankind!"

"So use wisely thy endowment given, adore Me through service today!
And show your gratitude more fully, by sharing thy gifts in My way!"

R. Lyle Johnson

Cong to stand

Thanksgiving – Psalm 139

P: ¹ You have searched me, LORD,
and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

C:³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely.

P:⁵ You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

C:⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

P: ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"
even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

C:¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

P:¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

C:¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!
Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.

P:¹⁹ If only you, God, would slay the wicked!
Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!
They speak of you with evil intent;
your adversaries misuse your name.
Do I not hate those who hate you, LORD,
and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?
I have nothing but hatred for them;
I count them my enemies.

C:²³ Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen

Intercessory Prayer

L: Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the world. Spirit of right judgment and courage, guide us and make us firm in our decision to follow Jesus' way of love. Spirit of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy and ecology. Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation. Enlighten us with Truth, and guide us on the right Way that leads us to Life with you forever, Amen.

C: To be sung :-
Come, Holy Spirit,-
like a dove descending,
Rest Thou upon us
while we meet to pray;
Show us the Saviour,
His great love revealing;

Lead us to Him,
the Life, the Truth, the Way.

L: We pray for the many farmers affected by drought, especially in areas where many have no hope and have committed suicide. We pray for comfort and healing for their families in despair and hopelessness. Guide our Governments to be able to reach out and take care of their needs. Help us also to realise the importance of farmers, for without them the world goes hungry.
We pray for vision so that we understand our duties to the beautiful environment you have created.
We pray that your Spirit would direct us to be responsible gardeners of this earth.
Dear Lord, dispel the clouds of doubt and worry for those affected by illness and fill them with gladness knowing that you will bless them with better health.

C: Come, Holy Spirit,
every cloud dispelling;
Fill us with gladness,
through the Master's name:
Bring to our memory words
that He hath spoken,
Then shall our tongues
His wondrous grace proclaim.

L: We pray for the ministry of the Church and Your presence with our Bishops and Archbishops who are in new Dioceses and Parishes. Guide them and motivate them to share your word and love as they continue your great mission.
Dear Lord, we thank you for the wonderful experience our children had during the VBS. We pray you will continue to lead them. Bless all the Archbishops, volunteers and teachers as they direct the thoughts of children, to bring them closer to Jesus.

C: Come, Holy Spirit,
sent from God the Father—
Thou Friend and Teacher,
Comforter, and Guide—
Our thoughts directing,
keep us close to Jesus,
And in our hearts
for evermore abide. Fanny Crosby

Gospel Reading

P: †Peace be with you all.

C: May the Lord make us all worthy to listen to His Word.

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, which proclaims life and salvation to the world as recorded by **St. John. 14:25-31**

C: Blessed is He that has come and will come again. Praise to the Father who sent him for our Salvation. May His blessings be ever upon us.

P: In the days of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, the Word of life, God incarnate of the blessed Virgin Mary, it happened in this way.

C: So we believe and affirm.

(After reading the Gospel, the priest says, †'Peace be with you all')

C: We thank you , Lord, that you have given us your gospel which is indeed the light of the world, that we may be drawn closer to you through the living words from your gospel which we have now heard.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in the one true God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all world; Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made, who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. He was crucified also for us in the days of Pontius Pilate; suffered and died and was buried. The third day He rose again, by His Father's holy will, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead and of His kingdom there will be no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets and the apostles. We believe in one Holy Catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the new life of the world to come. Amen.

(Cong. to be seated)

Birthday, Wedding Anniversary & Thanksgiving

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
for all eternity.

Author: Edwin Hatch (1878)

Offertory

O spread the tidings 'round, wherever man is found,
Wherever human hearts and human woes abound.
Let every Christian tongue proclaim the joyful sound:
The Comforter has come!

The Comforter has come! The Comforter has come!
The Holy Ghost from heaven, the Father's promise given,
O spread the tidings 'round, wherever man is found:
The Comforter has come!

The long, long night is past; the morning breaks at last;
And hushed the dreadful wail and fury of the blast,
As o'er the golden hills the day advances fast!
The Comforter has come!

The mighty King of kings, with healing in His wings,
To every captive soul a full deliverance brings;
And thro' the vacant cells the song of triumph rings;
The Comforter has come!

O boundless love divine! How shall this tongue of mine
To wondering mortals tell the matchless grace divine -
That I may with him dwell, and in His image shine!
The Comforter has come!

Author: Francis Bottome

MESSAGE

Closing Prayer

P: Holy Spirit, come comfort me
give me faith, in what I can't see.

C: Be my truth,
I need Your sight
Holy Spirit
be my guiding light.

Holy Spirit,
control my mind
direct me to where
Your peace I'll find.

Be my shield,
show me the way
Holy Spirit
lead me how to pray.

Reveal to me,
what is Your plan
govern me with
Your mighty hand.

Holy Spirit,
come comfort me
let me forever . . .
abide with Thee! Amen

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P: Prayer and Benediction

The One who goes ahead leaves the mark for the other to follow.
The One who goes behind will hold you up when you falter.
The One who walks beside gives comfort and the freedom to venture
And the One within gives life that sustains you to eternal splendor.

May the grace of the triune God- the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

C: Doxology and Kiss of Peace

Holy Spirit, faithful Guide,
Ever near the Christian's side;
Gently lead us by the hand,
Pilgrims in a desert land;
Weary souls forever rejoice,
While they hear that sweetest voice,
Whisp'ring softly, "Wanderer, come!
Follow Me, I'll guide thee home."

Ever present, truest Friend,
Ever near Thine aid to lend,
Leave us not to doubt and fear,
Groping on in darkness drear;
When the storms are raging sore,
Hearts grow faint, and hopes give o'er.
Whisp'ring softly, "Wand'rer, come!
Follow Me, I'll guide thee home."

When our days of toil shall cease,
Waiting still for sweet release,
Nothing left but heaven and prayer,
Trusting that our names are there;
Wading deep the dismal flood,
Pleading naught but Jesus' blood,
Whisper softly, "Wanderer, come!
Follow Me, I'll guide thee home."

Author: M. M. Wells