

GATHERING HYMN – Come down, O Love Divine (102)

At the end of the Gathering Hymn

CALL AND ANSWER

As we wait in silence,
Fill us with your spirit.

As we listen to your word,
Fill us with your spirit.

As we worship you in majesty,
Fill us with your spirit.

As we long for your refreshing,
Fill us with your spirit.

As we long for your renewing,
Fill us with your spirit.

As we long for your equipping,
Fill us with your spirit.

As we long for your empowering,
Fill us with your spirit.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



FIRST READING

Acts 2.1-13

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

SECOND READING

Romans 8.14-17

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL HYMN – Spirit of God, unseen as the wind (SPI88)

Chorus:

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove;
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love!*

You spoke to us long, long ago,
gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth
through it God's voice is heard.

Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live His way;
we need Your power, we need Your strength,
following Christ each day.

GOSPEL

John 14.8-17;25-27

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

GOSPEL HYMN (repeat) – Spirit of God, unseen as the wind
(SPI88)

HYMN OF THE GIFTS – One is the body (509)

COMMUNION HYMNS – Spirit of the living God (595)
O, breath of life (467)

AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMISSION *candles are lit from the Paschal Candle*

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future,
trusting him to be your guide?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?
We will.

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each
other in need?
We will.

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the
longings of God?
We will.

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?
We will.

SENDING OUT HYMN – She sits like a bird (578)

***Please come and meet one another and enjoy a cup
of tea or coffee in the hall after the service.***

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