

Pentecost Sunday... Living the Gifts of the Spirit

Opening Hymn: Come Holy Spirit, Alive O 8, page 278

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit, we gather to pray to you today.
Thank you for the many gifts you have given us.
Guide and inspire our actions
that we may help to build your kingdom here on earth.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Scripture Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: (Acts 2: 1-4)

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to John (14: 25-27)

"I have told you this while I am still with you. The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I told you. Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried or upset; do not be afraid."

The gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn: Listen! Alive O 4, page 339 (*verses 1 and 2 are very appropriate here*)

Prayer of the Faithful

We pray that we may live the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Response: Spirit of God, come to us.

Pupil 1

Holy Spirit, bless us with the gift of wisdom, that we may listen to the voice of the Spirit in our hearts and act accordingly.

All: Spirit of God, come to us

Pupil 2

Holy Spirit, give us the gift of understanding, that we may know what is important in life.

All: Spirit of God, come to us

Pupil 3

Holy Spirit, give us the gift of courage, that we may stand up for what is right, even when under pressure.

All: Spirit of God, come to us.

Pupil 4

Holy Spirit, give us the gift of respect, that we may see Jesus Christ in other people and in the beauty of creation.

All: Spirit of God, come to us.

Pupil 5

Holy Spirit, increase in us the gift of wonder, that we may praise God in all that we do.

All: Spirit of God, come to us.

Pupil 6

Holy Spirit, bless us with the gift of right judgement, that we may make good choices in our lives.

All: Spirit of God, come to us.

Pupil 7

Holy Spirit, give us the gift of knowledge, that we may seek God's will in all things.

All: Spirit of God, come to us.

All say together: Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, I want to do what is right,
Help me.
Holy Spirit, I want to live like Jesus,
Guide me.
Holy Spirit, I want to pray like Jesus,
Teach me.

Blessing

May, God who is the Father of us all,
Bless us in all that we do.

All: Amen

May, God who is Son and Redeemer,
Bless us as we follow his way of love.

All: Amen

May, God who is the Spirit of love,
Bless us in service to others.

All: Amen

Closing Hymn: Fan the Flame, Alive O 8, page 285



