

Pentecost Retreat Resources

1 p.m. Introduction (Fr. David)

Spirit of God, come dwell within me.
Open my heart, O come set me free.
Fill me with love for Jesus, my Lord.
O fill me with living water.

Jesus is living, Jesus is here.
Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me.
Jesus, our Saviour, dying for me,
and rising to save his people

Lord, how I thirst, O Lord, I am weak.
Lord, come to me, you alone do I seek.
Lord, you are life, and love and hope,
O fill me with living water. Jesus is living ...

Lord, I am blind. O Lord, I can't see!
Stretch out your hand, O Lord, comfort me.
Lead me your way in truth and in light,
O fill me with living water. Jesus is living ...

Mallaig Sprinkling Song Words (c) Helen Kennedy 1993 Music (c) Margaret Martin – Hardie

Spirit of God, rest on your people:

Waken your song deep in our hearts.

2 p.m. Sr. Angela Grant fsp

COME HOLY SPIRIT WE PRAY

Overcome the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic. **COME, HOLY SPIRIT, WE PRAY.**

Restore the life of our communities, local, national, and global. **COME, HOLY SPIRIT, WE PRAY.**

Continue to inspire our generous and selfless service towards others, especially the weakest and poorest. **COME, HOLY SPIRIT, WE PRAY.**

Set our clergy, religious, and laity, our parishes and schools, our entire Archdiocese, ablaze with the Gospel. **COME, HOLY SPIRIT, WE PRAY.**

Bring us wisdom as we discern our mission together, moving forward in hope. **COME, HOLY SPIRIT, WE PRAY.**

Call forth vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and the consecrated life. **COME, HOLY SPIRIT, WE PRAY.**

Raise up husbands and wives as Christian parents who nurture holy families. **COME, HOLY SPIRIT, WE PRAY.**

So that peace and justice might transform our lives, our society, our world, and our environment, with respect for every human life and the beauty of creation. **COME, HOLY SPIRIT, WE PRAY.**

Breathe God's life within us to animate and strengthen us. **COME, HOLY SPIRIT, WE PRAY.**

With grace and healing for those in pain, in sickness, in trouble, and in need. **COME, HOLY SPIRIT, WE PRAY.**

Help us persevere when life weighs heavy upon us. **COME, HOLY SPIRIT, WE PRAY.**

Make hearts grow fonder in love of Christ when so many are separated from the Sacraments. **COME, HOLY SPIRIT, WE PRAY.**

Change us to be more like Christ, to live and love like Him, to live and love for Him. **COME, HOLY SPIRIT, WE PRAY. Amen**

+ Archbishop John Wilson Bishop of Southwark

Come Holy Spirit

We gather in the presence of God, His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit, source of all life.
Amen

As we await with Mary and the apostles we invoke the Holy Spirit, we invoke his gifts upon us

At each invocation a candle is placed on the sacred space

All: Holy Spirit we invoke your gifts upon us as we await your coming.

music: Holy Sacred Spirit (Monica Brown)

Spirit of **wisdom**, may our minds and hearts be guided by your truth

Spirit of **piety**, may we love you with all our hearts

Spirit of **courage**, that we may witness our faith even when it is difficult

Spirit of **knowledge**, that we may know you in friendship and love

Spirit of **understanding**, that our minds may be enlightened by your Word of life

Spirit of **counsel**, that we may choose and discern according to your will

Spirit of **awe and wonder**, that we may be filled with loving reverence of you

All: Holy Spirit we invoke your gifts upon us as we await your coming.

We listen to God's Word from the Gospel

According to John

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that your joy be complete.

Reflection & Examine

When the Lord calls us to love, we must not think we have nothing to offer. The Lord takes what ordinary people, like us, can offer and uses it for greatness in His kingdom.

Jesus speaks the same words to us today; 'remain in my love and keep my commandments'. Are you aware of the immense love God has for you? Do you believe that God wants to work in and through you so that you can grow in the knowledge of his love so as to witness and share His love?

Before ascending to heaven, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to us - *'The Advocate will come to you; but if I do go I will send him to you'*.

Jesus reassures us today of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. If we allow the light of the Spirit to shine through us.

God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the gospel.

Do you witness to those around you the joy of the Gospel?

Do you pray for your neighbours, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know that true joy?

Prayer of Invocation to the Holy Spirit

We Pray

Empowered by the Holy Spirit we go in peace to share the joy of the Gospel. Amen

3 p.m. Ian & Gemma McLean

Lord I give my life to you;
You are my loving father.
Freely I walk the path you lead,
trusting in your love.

Let your will be my will;
Let my will be yours.
In trust, draw me close to you,
the Father my soul adores.

Lord I seek to do your work,
touching the world with your kindness.
Gladly I share your cross of pain,
trusting in you love.

Let your will be my will;
Let my will be yours.
In trust, draw me close to you,
the Saviour my soul adores.

Lord, I long for you alone;
you are the treasure I yearn for.
You are the breath which brings me life,
Trusting in your love.

Let your will be my will;
Let my will be yours.
In trust, draw me close to you,
the Spirit my soul adores.

A Parent's Prayer



Loving God,

You are the giver of all we possess,
the source of all of our blessings.
We thank and praise you.

Thank you for the gift of our children.

Help us to set boundaries for them,
and yet encourage them to explore.
Give us the strength and courage to treat
each day as a fresh start.

May our children come to know you, the one true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope,
and love,
so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.

May their ears hear your voice.
May their eyes see your presence in all things.
May their lips proclaim your word.
May their hearts be your dwelling place.
May their hands do works of charity.
May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ, your Son
and our Lord.

Amen.





PRAYER OF BLESSING

For My Father

A Child's Prayer

Dear St. Joseph,
help my dad to be a good father.
Help him when he is tired,
when he is worried,
when he is in a hurry.
Give him pride in his work and
a little more time to have fun.
Help me to show my dad
how much I love him.
Amen



For My Mother

A Child's Prayer

Dear Blessed Mother Mary,
help my mum to be a good mother.
Give her peace and wisdom,
strength and courage,
grace and happiness.
Be near when she needs help.
Keep her close to your Son, Jesus.
Help me to always show my mum
how much I love her.
Amen.

4 p.m. Fr. Tom Kilbride

Reading for Lectio Divina

Acts of the Apostles 8:26-39

The angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying. "Be ready to set out at noon along the road that leads from Jerusalem down to Gaza, the desert road." So, he set off on his journey.

Now it happened that an Ethiopian had been on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. He was a eunuch and an officer at the court of the "kandake" – or queen – of Ethiopia and was in fact her chief treasurer. He was now on his way home, and as he sat in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

The Spirit said to Philip: "Go up and meet that chariot." When Philip ran up, he heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and he asked: "Do you understand what you are reading?" "How can I" he replied, "unless I have someone to guide me?" So he invited Philip to get in and sit by his side. Now, the passage of scripture he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep that is led to the slaughter-house,
like a lamb that is dumb in front of its shearers,
like these he never opens his mouth.

He has been humiliated and has no one to defend him.

Who will ever talk about his descendants,
since his life on earth has been cut short?"

The eunuch turned to Philip and said: "Tell me, is the prophet referring to himself or to someone else?" Starting, therefore, with this text of scripture, Philip proceeded to explain the Good News of Jesus to him.

Further along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said: "Look, there is some water here; is there anything to stop me being baptised?" He ordered the chariot to stop, then Philip and the eunuch both went down to the water and Philip baptised him. But after they had come up out of the water again, Philip was taken away by the Spirit of the Lord, and the eunuch never saw him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

Hymn for Reflection

O God, you search me and you know me

1. O God, you search me and you know me
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me;
ever the maker and keeper of my days.
2. You know my resting and my rising;
You discern my purpose from afar.
And with love everlasting you besiege me:
in ev'ry moment of life and death, you are.
3. Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me, beyond my understanding:
God of y present, my past and future too.
4. Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.
5. For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am I thank you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

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