

Ascension to Pentecost: Awaiting the Spirit



Call to Prayer Leader: "Each year, from Ascension to Pentecost, all ... shall practice interior recollection in honor of the Son of God when He commanded His Apostles to remain in a state of inactivity while awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit. ... imitate the life of the Blessed Virgin and the Apostles in their deprivation of the visible presence of Jesus."

*Spiritual Writings of Louise de Marillac, A.75, p. age 769
(On the Conduct of Divine Providence)*

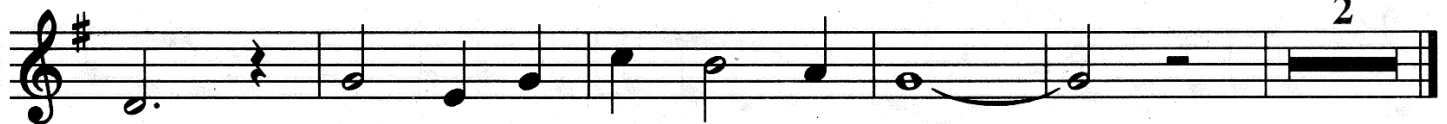
Hymn: "Send Us Your Spirit" verses 1, 4 Dan Schutte



1. Send us your spir - it, O Lord.	Eve - ning en - folds us and
2. Hold us with mer - cy, O Lord.	Sor - row has spo - ken, has
3. Teach us your wis - dom, O Lord.	Shad - ows have cloud - ed, have
4. Send us good sum - mer, O Lord.	Win - ters have chilled us, and



1. holds us too near.	Wake the morn - ing light.	Make our liv - ing
2. bro - ken our hearts.	Clothe us in your care.	Be the life we
3. crowd - ed our sight.	Give us hearts that see.	Set our lov - ing
4. stilled us too long.	Give us love's own fire.	Be our true de -



1. bright.	Shine on our dark - ness, O Lord.
2. bear.	Feed us and fill us, O Lord.
3. free.	Hear us and help us, O Lord.
4. sire.	Send us your spir - it, O Lord.

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Reader 1: "... between the Feast of the Ascension and Pentecost ... honor the grace God bestowed on His Church by giving His Holy Spirit to guide it and by commissioning His Apostles to preach the Gospel to all nations. ... strive to be particularly attentive to the Word of God and His law expressed in His commandments.

Pause briefly for Reflection

Prayer Response ALL: "I adore You, O God, and recognize You are the author of my existence. Because of the love I owe You, I abandon myself entirely to Your holy will in my life. ... I beg You, because of the love You have for Your creatures, to send the ... Holy Spirit ... [to] all souls redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ." Amen.

Spiritual Writings of Louise de Marillac, A.1 page 691, "Rule of Life in the World"

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Reader 2: "When we say that the Holy Spirit is at work in someone, it means that this Spirit, residing in that person, gives ... her the same inclinations and dispositions Jesus Christ had on earth, and they cause the person to act in the same way - I'm not saying with equal perfection, but according to the measure of the gifts of the Divine Spirit."

Conferences of Vincent De Paul, Coste, Volume 12 #196 - Members of the Congregation and their Ministries (Common Rules, Chap.1, Art. 2 and 3) December 13, 1658, page 93

Response: "Send Us Your Spirit" David Haas refrain only



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Reflection:

What can I do to prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit?
How does the Spirit impact my ministry as a Lady of Charity?



Sharing: Pair off and briefly share your reflections.

Closing Prayer

ALL: "Come, Holy Spirit, come!
And from the celestial home, shed a ray of light divine!
Come, Father of the poor! Come source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms shine.
You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest;
sweet refreshment here below;
in our labor, rest most sweet; grateful coolness in the heat;
solace in the midst of woe.
O most blessed Light divine, shine within these hearts of Yours,
and our inmost being fill!
Where You are not, we have naught, nothing good in deed or thought,
nothing free from taint of ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour Your dew;
wash the stains of guilt away.
Bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen, warm the chill;
guide the steps that go astray.
On the faithful, who adore and confess you, evermore,
in your sevenfold gift descend.
Give [us] virtues' sure reward; give [us] Your salvation, Lord;
give [us] joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia.

Sequense for Pentecost, Veni, Sancte Spiritus

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Prayer Texts: Mark 16: 15, 19 "Go ... and proclaim the good news to all ..."
Acts 2: 1-11 "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit ..."

