

THE NOVENA OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

S. Guardian O Dear Lady of Cana, pray with us as we invoke that same Holy Spirit who overshadowed you. *(pause in silence for a few moments.)*

HYMN

Come Holy Ghost



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And in our hearts take
2. O Com - fort - er, to thee we cry, Thou heav'n - ly gift of
3. Praise be to thee, Fa - ther and Son, And Ho - ly Spir - it,



1. up thy rest; Come with thy grace and heav'n - ly aid To fill the
2. God most high; Thou font of life and fire of love, And sweet a -
3. with them one; And may the Son on us be - stow The gifts that



1. hearts which thou hast made; To fill the hearts which thou hast made.
2. noint - ing from a - bove; And sweet a - noint - ing from a - bove.
3. from the Spir - it flow; The gifts that from the Spir - it flow.

Text: LM with repeat; *Veni, creator spiritus*; attr. to Rabanus Manus, 776–856;
tr. by Edward Caswall, 1814–1878, alt. Music: Louis Lambillotte, SJ, 1796–1855.

FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- 1 Come O Holy Spirit! Come O Holy Spirit! Come O Holy Spirit!
Holy Spirit fill me! Holy Spirit use me! Holy Spirit teach me!
Come O Holy Spirit! Come O Holy Spirit! Come O Holy Spirit!
Holy Spirit refresh me! Holy Spirit strengthen me! Holy Spirit renew me!
- 2 Come O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love; Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created, and Thou shall renew the face of the earth. Let us pray:

O God through the light of the Holy Spirit Thou didst instruct the hearts of the faithful; grant us through that same Holy Spirit, that we might be truly wise, and ever rejoice in Thy consolation; through the same Christ, Our Lord. **Amen!**

A PEARL FROM THE WAY OF PENTECOST

- 3 Jesus gave to us the gift of the Holy Spirit. That gift says that God is always right here, right now, to be continually involved in our moment by moment lives.

A READING

Romans 8:26-27

- 4 A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be expressed in speech. He who searches hearts knows what the Spirit means, for the Spirit intercedes for the saints as God himself wills.

This is the Word of Hope!

- 5 Thanks be to God!

HYMN

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!
Melt me! Mold me! Fill me! Use me!
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THE PSALM

Psalm 104: 1, 25, 28, 29, 31

- 6 Bless the Lord, O my soul; *
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
You are clothed with majesty and splendor.
O Lord, How manifold are your works! *
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created; *
And so you renew the face of the earth.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:16-22

1 A Reading from the Gospel of St. Luke.

Jesus came to Nazareth where he had been reared, and entering the synagogue on the sabbath as he was in the habit of doing, he stood up to do the reading. When the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed him, he unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: "The spirit of God is upon me; therefore, God has anointed me; and has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and release to prisoners, to announce a year of favor from our God." Rolling up the scroll, he gave it back to the assistant and sat down. All in the synagogue had their eyes fixed on him. Then, he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Living Word!

2 Praise to thee, Lord Jesus Christ!

A PEARL FROM THE WAY OF PENETCOST

3 Imagine how fragile, yet how strong the wings of a dove are. They carry the dove great distances, and to great heights. The Holy Spirit's grace is like that for us.

PRAYERS TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

4 O Holy Spirit, I ask for the grace to be faithful to my commitment to live as a member of The Community of the Mother of Jesus. Enflame my heart so that I can live our promise of Justice, live simply, and be a proclamation of the reign of God. Help me in living our promise of Tenderness, so that I can love all people in the name of Jesus. Help me to live our promise of Humility, so that I may be an open vessel to your overshadowing power at work in my life. Help me to live our promise of Contemplation, so that I might know and enjoy the presence of the One who says, "Be still and know that I am God."

5 O Promised Paraclete, help me to be faithful to my vocation in this Community, dedicated to the gentle maiden of Nazareth. Lead me! Grace me! Nudge me! Hassle me! Shatter my comfortableness, so that I might grow into the vowed religious person you call me to be and become! Help me to live the instructions of that quiet woman who said, "Do whatever He tells you."

6 Come O Holy Spirit, upon all the members of the Community of the Mother of Jesus. May we truly be the vessels of your Divine Love to each other, and especially to the neighbors who are in need. May all of us grow in wisdom and grace, so that in all that we do, think, and say, God may be glorified, and the reign of God proclaimed.

S. Guardian O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of all those you are calling and leading to join the Community of the Mother of Jesus. May your fire sear their hearts! May your wisdom show them the path they must walk, so that they can, with each of us, be

the instruments of peace, and reconciliation, in this world that cries out for your renewing grace. Help those you are calling, and each one of us, to live your fruits of love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness, generosity, faith, gentleness, and God-centered love. Help all of us, to embrace your gifts of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, and being-in-awe of God's presence; so that we can abandon ourselves to the loving Creator and be the earthen vessels of loving mercy you need us to be!

THE SEQUENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

translated by Charles P. Price

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| 1 | Come thou Holy Spirit bright;
Come with thy celestial light;
Pour on us thy love divine. | 6 | Where thou art not, we have nought:
All our word and deed and thought
Twisted from thy true design. |
| 2 | Come, protector of the poor;
Come, thou source of blessings sure;
Come within our hearts to shine. | 1 | Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Rule us by thy judgement's line. |
| 3 | Thou, of comforters the best,
Thou, the soul's most welcome guest,
Of our peace thou art the sign. | 2 | Cleanse us with thy healing power;
What is barren bring to flower;
To thy love our sins consign. |
| 4 | In our labor, be our aid;
In our summer, cooling shade.
Every bitter tear refine. | 3 | To thy people who adore
And confess thee evermore,
Thy blest sevenfold gift assign. |
| 5 | Brighter than the noonday sun,
Fill our lives which Christ has won;
Fill our hearts and make them thine. | 4 | Grant us thy salvation, Lord;
Boundless mercy our reward,
Joys which earth and heaven entwine. |

THE DISMISSAL

- 5 May the Spirit of the Living God, guide us to the shores of everlasting life! **Amen!**

HYMN

Veni Creator Spiritus

Veni Creator Spiritus, mentes tuorum visita; imple superna gratia quae tu creasti pectora.

Qui diceris Paraclitus, altissimi donum Dei, fons vivus, ignis, caritas, et spiritalis unctio.

Tu septiformis munere, digitus paternae dexteræ, tu rite promissum Patris, sermone ditans guttura.

Accende lumen sensibus, infunde amorem cordibus, infirma nostri corporis virtute firmans perpeti.

Hostem repellas longius, pacemque dones protinus: ductore sicte praevio, vitemus omne noxium.

Per te sciamus da Patrem, noscamus atque Filium teque utriusque Spiritum credamus omni tempore.

Deo Patri sit gloria, et Filio, quia motuis surrexit, ac Paraclito, in saeculorum saecula. Amen.

THE NOMINATIONS

CLOSING HYMN

396 | *Now Thank We All our God*



1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,



who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.

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