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Come Holy Spirit, and fill me with your power.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

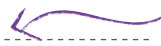
The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

COLLECT

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers...



We say these words or sing a hymn as the priest approaches the altar.



We ask for God's help. Listen now to the priest as he offers this prayer.



FIRST READING ACTS 2:1-11

Imagine being with the disciples, all together in one room. Jesus has left you and you just don't know what is going on. Suddenly the whole house is filled with the noise of a powerful wind. Can you hear it? Something that looks like

tongues of fire appears and settles on each person's head. Can you see them? Now you are filled with the Holy Spirit and great confidence. Nothing can stop you all rushing outside and telling everyone you know all about Jesus!



LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. The disciples are given power through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 103

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.
Or Alleluia!



The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.



SECOND READING 1 GALATIANS 5:16-25

Sometimes we are tempted to be selfish and do things we know are wrong. But we don't need to worry. God loves us and has sent the Holy Spirit to help us. The Holy Spirit will help us to be full of love, joy, peace, patience,

kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. These gifts will not appear by magic, we have to practise using them. The more we practise, the more we will become like Jesus. Let the Holy Spirit guide us!



LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. The gifts of the Holy Spirit will help us to lead good lives.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!



We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.



DO YOU KNOW?

We all receive the gift of the Holy Spirit when we are baptised. In confirmation we receive the "special strength of the Holy Spirit" (CCC). There are different gifts of the Spirit. You might like to find out what they are and practise using them so that people will see the fruits of the Spirit in your life.



THINK

It's frustrating when we don't understand what Jesus is saying, but it's good to remember that even the disciples didn't understand at first. Bit by bit everything became clearer to them, but it was a long journey. The great thing is, like the disciples, we all have the Holy Spirit to help along the way!



GOSPEL JOHN 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St John.

Jesus tries to explain the Holy Spirit to his friends. Jesus, God the Son, will send them God the Holy Spirit when he goes back to God the Father. Although the disciples have been with Jesus from the start, they still don't really understand all that Jesus has shared with them.

The Holy Spirit is going to help them to grow in their understanding and lead them to the truth. The Holy Spirit will help us too, as we grow in our relationship with God and understand more about Jesus' love – and will help us to share this message with everyone we meet.

STAND to LISTEN to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel. Before he reads the Gospel, what does the priest do to his forehead, his lips and his heart? Can you copy him?



PRAY

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful And kindle in them the fire of your love. Amen.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who has to hide away because of their beliefs. Send your Spirit of hope and courage to be with them. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. This is a prayer you could say privately.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about a time this week when you were selfish and then think of all the times you were loving and caring.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.

What can you give special thanks for today?



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me and being so patient with me. Help me to be gentle and patient with myself as I try to grow to be more like you. Amen.



IXΘΥΣ

is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God's)
- Υ (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)



We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.



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