

Service of the Holy Spirit

While a candle or candles are lit, the following is said:

Leader: The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite world in a just and caring community.

People: The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.

Leader: The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

All: Spirit of the living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power.

Evening hymn:

Holy Spirit, Root of Life - (page 57 in *New Century Hymnal*)

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

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*Jean Janzen, 1991; based on writings by
Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, 12th century*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, Root of life, Cre - a - tor,
2 E - ter - nal Vig - or, Sav - ing One, you free us
3 O Ho - ly Wis - dom, Soar - ing Power, en - com - pass

cleans - er of all things, a - noint our wounds, a -
by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -

wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
cir - cling all, a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179) was a "woman for all seasons." A German abbess, she was a prolific liturgical composer and poet, artist and mystic, and scientist and theologian whose works exhibit deep spirituality. This new text combines rich images from Hildegard's songs "De Spiritu Sancto," "O Virtus Sapientiae," and "O Vis Aeternitatis."

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR L.M.
Melody from "Piae Cantiones," 1582
Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609

Opening Sentences

Leader: O God, come to my aid.

People: Hear my voice when I cry to you.

All: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 138

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 122

Reading from Scripture: John 14:15-31

Song of Mary (All)

My soul magnifies the Sovereign

And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;

For God has looked with favor on the lowliness of God's servant.

Surely, from now on, all generations will call me blessed;

For the Mighty One has done great things for me,

The Mighty One whose name is holy.

God's mercy is for those who fear God

From generation to generation.

God has shown great strength;

And has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

God has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

And lifted up the lowly;

God has filled the hungry with good things,

And sent the rich away empty.

God has helped God's servant Israel,

In remembrance of God's mercy,

According to the promise made to our ancestors,

To Abraham and Sarah and to their descendants forever.

Prayers

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: For peace that passes understanding and the Advocate from on high.

People: O God, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the body of Christ in the world and for those who lead this body.

People: O God, hear our prayer.

Leader: For our nation, our communities, and all who hold public office.

People: O God, hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who are hungry, sick, in pain or otherwise suffering.

People: O God, hear our prayer.

Leader: For a peaceful evening and safety through the night

People: O God, hear our prayer.

Leader: For your Holy Spirit's movement to reconcile, heal, and restore.

People: O God, hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy God, Holy and Mighty One, Holy Immortal One

People: Have mercy on us.

Prayer of our Savior

Closing Hymn: *Spirit of the Living God* (New Century #283)

HYMNS OF THE SPIRIT

Spirit of the Living God

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Daniel Iverson, 1926

Acts 11:15; 2 Cor. 3:1-6; Gal. 5:25

F Gm D Gm F Dm C F



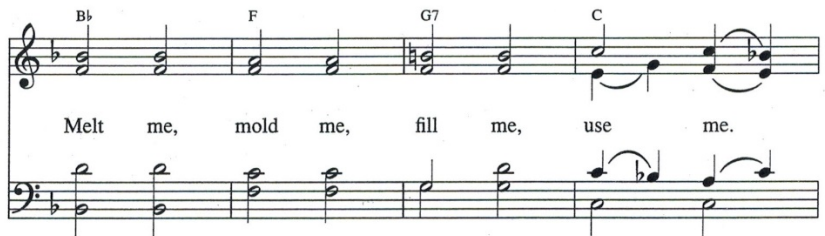
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;

F Gm D Gm F Bb/C C7 F



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Bb F G7 C



Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

F Gm D Gm F Dm C7 F



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Presbyterian minister Daniel Iverson was inspired to write this chorus one evening while attending revival services led by the George T. Stephans Evangelistic Party in Orlando, Florida, in 1926. It became widely popular at similar meetings before it was published several years later.

Tune: IVERSON 7.5.7.5.8.7.5.
Daniel Iverson, 1926

Blessing

Leader: We have worshiped God together;

People: Now we go our separate ways.

Leader: May the Spirit which has blessed us here

People: Be a presence with you always.