



"Veni Sancti Spiritus," by Adam Kossowski

Larchmont Avenue Church

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum
Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch
Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE "Jesu Dulcis Memoria" Richard Clark

INTROIT "God Is a Spirit" Alexander Kopylov
*God is a spirit, and they who worship him must worship him in truth,
for he seeketh such to worship him.*

OPENING SCRIPTURE – THE ARRIVAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Acts 2:1-13

PRAYER FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST

***OPENING HYMN #408** "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

***THE PEACE**

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

O God, just as your Spirit filled that room in Jerusalem, we ask you to fill us with your presence this morning. Help us to turn our backs on sin and turn our faces toward you. Forgive us for our missteps and place us back on your path. Breathe new life into our souls, inspire us with your passion, and reshape us into the form of your true church -- the one that was born on Pentecost -- to the glory of Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA #582** *Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh upon us! On this Lord's Day, help us to hear your voice clearly as the scriptures are read and proclaimed. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh upon us! Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 9:38-41

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Claunch

OLD TESTAMENT READING Numbers 11:24.30

SERMON "Eldad and Medad Aren't So Bad" Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #288 *(repeat twice)*

*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. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Claunch

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE GREAT AMEN *(congregation singing)*

*Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

*“Now Let the Fire of Heaven Come Down”
Bill Sabia, drums*

Shawn Kirschner

Now let the fire of heaven come down as tongues of flame on every brow!

*Holy Spirit, breathe upon us; Holy Spirit, come!
And the fruit of the Spirit is love!
And the fruit of the Spirit is joy!
And the fruit of the Spirit is peace!
And the fruit of the Spirit is grace!
And the fruit of the Spirit is patience!
And the fruit of the Spirit is kindness!
And the fruit of the Spirit is goodness!
And the fruit of the Spirit is gentleness!
And the fruit of the Spirit is faithfulness!*

Now let the fire of heaven come down as tongues of flame on every brow!

***DOXOLOGY #609**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God; all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN #291** “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

CHORAL FAREWELL

Walford Davies

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in mine heart, and in my thinking;

God be at mine end, and at my departing.

POSTLUDE

“Fantasy on Veni Creator Spiritus”

Carson Cooman

NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude, but there is no expectation that you remain seated. Feel free to get up and greet your neighbors.

**Please stand if you are able*

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1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

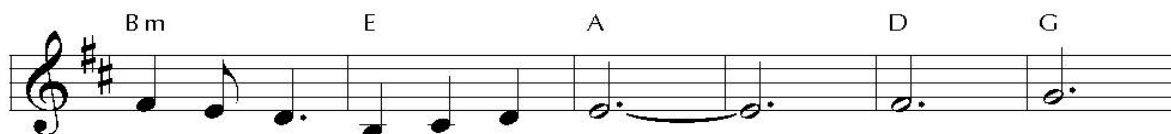
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Refrain



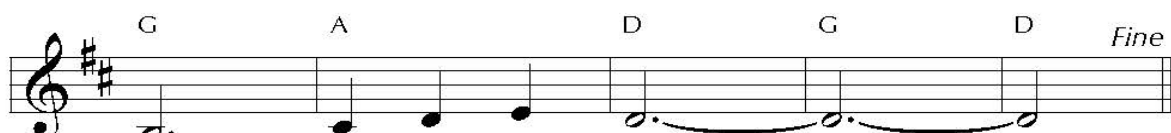
Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the



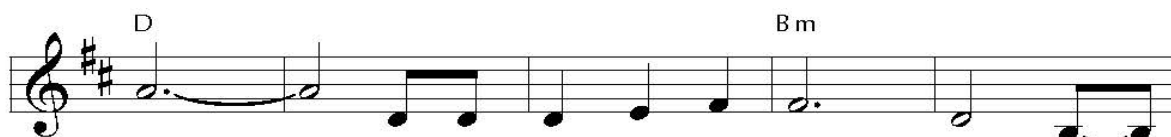
wil - der - ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,



spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id - ness,

wind, wind on the sea. *Fine*

- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

E A D G

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
 law and a land. When they were con - found -
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

A G D

ons you called to each thing, "A -
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you
 y, you called once a - gain when you
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With

Bm G

wake from your slum - bers and
 spoke through your proph - ets to
 blew through your peo - ple on the
 bold new de - ci - sions your

A D G/A D A to Refrain

rise on your wings."
 o - pen their eyes.
 rush of the wind.
 peo - ple a - rise.

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

Do you have a prayer request to share? Call our prayer line (914) 834-1800, ext. 342.

FLOWERS

Today's flowers are a gift from the deacons in honor of all members of our armed forces in observance of Memorial Day.

Scan this QR code to sponsor sanctuary flowers for an upcoming Sunday.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Little ones are welcome in worship, but a **nursery** for infants & toddlers is also available in Room 114. Ask an usher for directions.

FELLOWSHIP

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Russell Hall immediately following the service.

- **SAVE THE DATE.** Church Picnic 6/7
Volunteers needed



Scan the QR code to sign up

MUSIC

Our LAC Chancel Choir will make their last appearance this week until we see them again in the Fall. Anyone (HS to adults) is welcome to lend their voices to our choir, no auditions are necessary.

Please contact Douglas Kostner (dkostner@lacny.org) for more information.

SERVICE

SAVE THE DATE

Churchwide Volunteer Day at Grassroots Grocery on 6/13. Details to come

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, MAY 24

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
11:00 am Coffee Hour (Lindsley Room)

MONDAY, MAY 25

Office Closed-Memorial Day

TUESDAY

7:00 pm Session Meeting (Library)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

THURSDAY, MAY 27

8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

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