



Pentecost Sunday Youth and Family Worship

May 23, 2021

Call to worship

Come, Holy Spirit,
The wind of God, the breath of Life.
Come, Holy Spirit,
Our Advocate, our Counselor.
Come, Holy Spirit,
Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.
Come, Holy Spirit,
Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.
Come, Holy Spirit.
May we feel God breathing through our worship.
May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.

~ written by Joanna Harader and posted on **Spacious Faith**. <https://spaciousfaith.com/>



Prayer: Come, Spirit

Our God—we, your people, stand ready and open
to receive the flame of your Spirit.

Give us the ability to speak your truth so that others may hear.

Come, Spirit of Truth, fill our hearts.

May that which was of stone be now transformed into life.

Come, Spirit of Life, change our hearts.

May we who receive your light dwell together in Your love.

Come, Spirit of Love, soften our hearts.

Bestow your compassion on those who suffer in mind, spirit, and body.

Come, Spirit of Hope, heal our hearts.

Make us bold to bring light to the dark places,
warmth to the cold places, and love to the empty places.

Come, Spirit of Faith, strengthen our hearts.

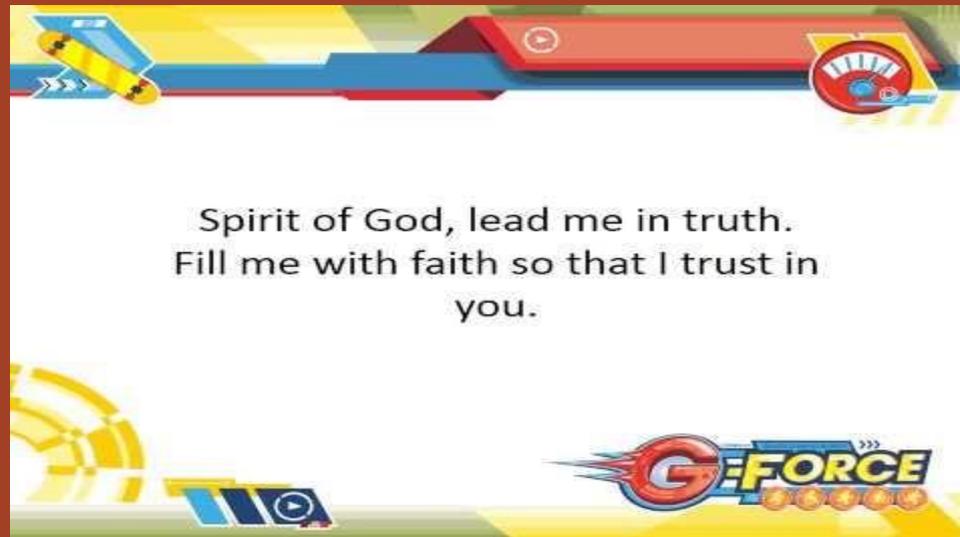
Spirit of the Living God, fill our hearts, minds, and souls to overflowing.

Amen.

~ written by Roberta Hiday, for use at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Port Townsend on the Day of Pentecost, 2008. Posted on In
the Courtyard. www.inthecourtyard.com

Worship Song ~ Spirit Of God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=782bpYeJ7ao>



Children's Bible Story ~ Pentecost

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jNiApXVR9go>



Children's worship Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FgZQdNZJ5bc>



Scripture Reading

Acts 2: 1-5

- 2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a] as the Spirit enabled them.



Youth and Adult Lesson

Before Jesus' death, He promised that He and God would send to His disciples "another Helper" (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7). The Greek word translated "Helper" is parakletos. It means a lawyer or assistant in a legal question. In a wider context it means a person who provides encouragement, counsel, and strength. Jesus will send "another" Helper, One like Himself who will carry on after Him the teaching and testimony that He began (John 16:7-15).

The word Pentecost literally means "fifty". In the Bible, we read about a time when the Jews were gathered in Jerusalem fifty days after the Passover for the Festival of Weeks. Many people from all over gathered. Remember that at this time, Jesus had died, risen, hung out for 40 days and then went to Heaven. Pentecost by many is called the "Birthday of the Church" because the Holy Spirit came on the apostles and all of those gathered at the festival from many different places.

Up until this point, the good news of Jesus had been kept really close.

But at this time, all of these people were gathered from all over in Jerusalem. We see Peter preaching to the crowd and reading prophecy from the book of Joel. And, we see three thousand accepting his message and being baptized.

Just imagine if you left this place after the Holy Spirit literally coming over you like fire. You go back home. Nothing is the same...because you are not the same.

The Holy Spirit is the very spirit of Jesus, and Jesus promised that his Spirit would come and is available to all of us. And when this Spirit comes, amazing things happen. But, just as amazing, is the fact that God is still pouring out the Holy Spirit on God's people today! God comforts us, guides us, and empowers us to share the Good News.

<https://ministrytoyouth.com/youth-group-lessons-on-pentecost/>



Youth & Adult Lesson

Think about how you first experienced the Holy Spirit.

And for some of you, maybe you are still waiting to really experience the Holy Spirit.

Don't be ashamed, but know that this lesson is for you.

There are many who serve in the church who have answered a call, but have yet to truly experience the transforming work of the Spirit.

Our prayer is that you will know the Holy Spirit is with you.

And to the seasoned Christian: It can be easy to lose that fire.

Today is for you.

May you remember that fire and may it inspire you today.

We all know that playing with fire can be a very dangerous thing.

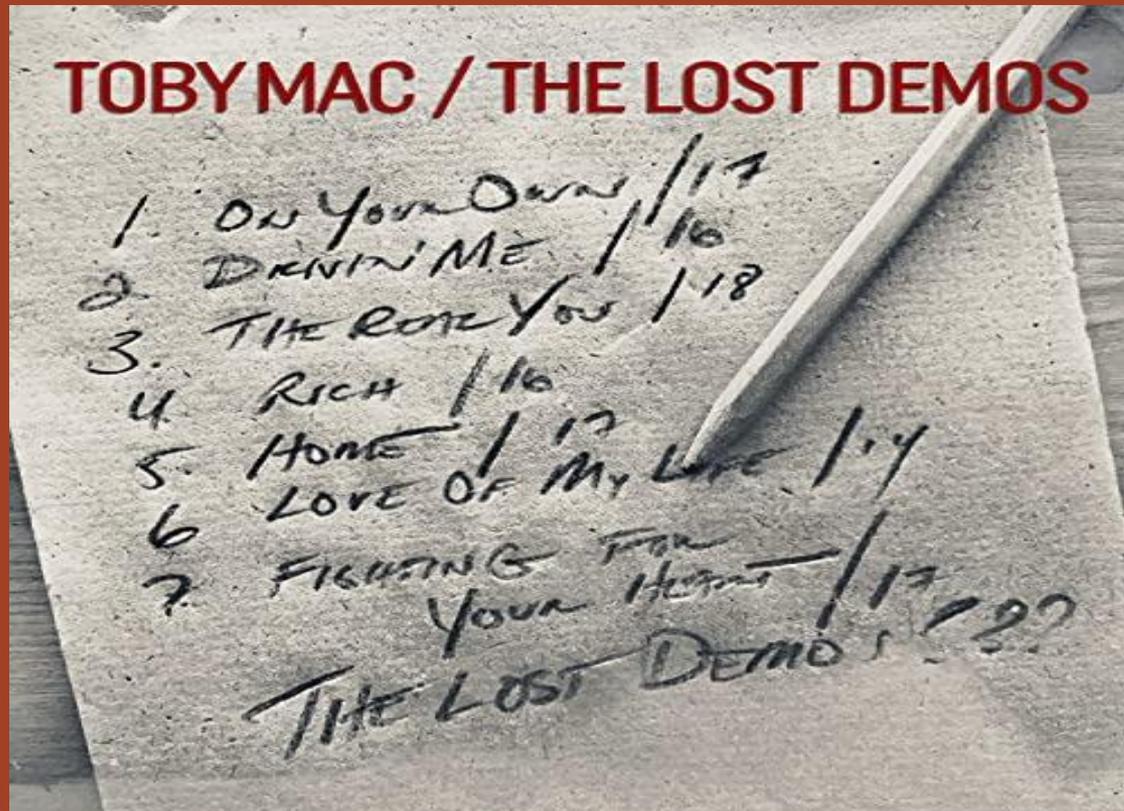
Can you remember the first time that you realized just how quickly fire could spread?

When my sisters and I were young we liked to light gumdrops on fire because they kind of exploded when they hit the fire. One blew up and landed on the living room rug and caught fire. We were lucky that one of us had a glass of water nearby and were able to put it out. It certainly wasn't a very smart thing to do but we did learn how quickly fire can spread. The "fire" during Pentecost spread like that.

Youth & Adult worship song

Toby Mac ~ On Your Own

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cH3-diCOUyl>



Closing Prayer

God the Holy Spirit,
You are the restless breath of love that sweeps through the world.
You move where you will, breaking down barriers,
Stirring hearts to change, making all things possible.
Inspire each one of us to hunger and thirst for justice!

Come, Spirit of God,
Sweep through our world bringing great change.
May the bounty of your goodness be shared more justly,
So all may share in the rich blessings of your creation.
And, for us, bring transformation in our praying and living,
So that we may act justly, love mercy,
And walk humbly with you all the days of our lives.
Amen.

~ posted on the Third Space website. <http://third-space.org.uk/blog>

Mini Message

Embers are defined as a glowing fragment (as of coal) from a fire; the smoldering remains of a fire. They are also a beautiful metaphor for the cycle of life. The fire dies down, and you are left with glimpses of the fire through the black heavy soot. If you stoke the remaining embers you will have a new fire. The embers can then serve as the beginning and the end of a fire. Are you desiring to rekindle your flame?

Sometimes we may feel like we lose that initial fire we felt. We get overwhelmed by the work load, the judgement, or criticism. It takes away the passion and the joy you initially felt for God and living this life following Jesus. It's hard to remember that God sees you even if no one else does. I want to invite you to revisit this fire and passion as I have during this time of quiet reflection called a pandemic. What is it that God is calling you to do? Don't know yet? Listen. Is God preparing you for something once this is all over? In the meantime ~ refuel. Know that you are not alone. That God is with you and sees all that you do. If you have given in to anxiety and fear ~ trust in Jesus. If you feel separated from God ~ move closer –You moved God didn't. Let God build you up. Stoke the embers and let the flame rise again.



Closing Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQBISikhJYQ>

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Don't Let The Fire Die
Steven Curtis Chapman

