



**Taizé Service | June 2, 2022**

# **Come Holy Spirit, Empower Us**

## **Introduction**

When Jesus returned to heaven, he did not leave his disciples alone; he remains present in the gift of the Holy Spirit and in the experience of his love.

Tonight we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the ways in which the Spirit inspires, guides, and strengthens us to live as Christian disciples.

In the prayers we pray during Mass on Pentecost Sunday are the following images, among others:

*Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
And from your celestial home  
Shed a ray of light divine!*

*Come, Father of the Poor!  
You, the soul's most welcome guest;  
Solace in the midst of woe.*

*Heal our wounds, our strength renew.  
Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray."*

May these images also be our prayer this evening.

## **Welcome**

We at the Renewal Center gather around a table lit by candles. We Invite those of you joining on from home to light a candle if possible.

To begin our service, please listen "Come to the Lakeside" composed by Fr. Keith Branson C.P.P.S specifically for the Renewal Center. The Words are on the back of this sheet. We've adopted it as our theme song.

## **Service**

The all-powerful love of God has caused us to be born again to a new life through baptism. Now we live with the knowledge that God, the Creator of all things, is our Father.

In Confirmation, through the presence of the Holy Spirit, this divine life is directed in a special way toward Christian witness.

During this Prayer Service open your heart wider to receive a bigger portion of the Holy Spirit's new life.

## **Chant 5x**

*Veni Creator, veni Creator, veni Creator Spiritus.  
Holy Spirit, loving Spirit, holy, loving Spirit,  
come!*

## **Silence one minute**

## **Chant 5x**

*Veni Sancte Spiritus*

## **Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14**

## **Silence 5 minutes**

## **Petitions**

Chant 2x and 1x after each petition

*O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.  
When I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.*

After each intention, light a votive candle on the table from the Easter Candle.

1. May the Holy Spirit fill the Church with light and love, that she may be a sign and instrument of Christ's love for all people, we pray:
2. May the Holy Spirit fill the entire world and guide the nations to reconciliation and lasting peace, we pray:
3. May the Holy Spirit bless those burdened by injustice, poverty, hunger, and disease; may she relieve their suffering and rekindle their hope, we pray:
4. May the Holy Spirit come down upon all gathered here and renew in their hearts love for all people, we pray:
5. May the Holy Spirit gather our beloved dead and bring them into the peace and joy of God's Kingdom, we pray:

Others may now add your own spontaneous prayers and then light a votive candle from the Easter Candle. Those of you joining us virtually, please add your own prayers also.

### Chant 5x

*Come and pray in us, Holy Spirit, come and pray in us, come and visit us, Holy Spirit. Spirit come, Spirit come.*

Let us mindfully prayer together, the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

+Amen.

### Closing Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, who have given us a new birth in water and the Holy Spirit, and have pardoned all our sins, send us your Spirit and his gifts from heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Come to the Lakeside

Precious Blood Renewal Center

Words and Music: Keith Branson, C.PPS.

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Voice *D G A Em6 D G*  
Come to the lake-side come to the peace. Come to the si-lence and sor-row's re-

Voice *A D A Em F#m Bm A*  
lease. Come to the hill-side where jour-neys canblend, come to the gar-den that

Voice *Em A D A Bm F#m Em6 A*  
re-con-ciles friends. Come find Ho-ly Love, heal in Ho-ly

Voice *D D A Bm*  
Love, hope in Ho-ly Love,

Voice *F#m Em6 A D*  
live in Ho-ly Love.

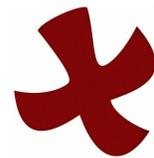
### Chant 5x

*Spirit of Christ Jesus, Spirit of loving kindness, confirm your heart and keep it; confirm your heart and keep it.*

Please join us again on July 7.

In the "Bhagavad Gita" we read: "We are born into the world of nature; our second birth is into the world of spirit."

May this Season of Pentecost bring you to new life in the world of the Spirit.



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