

# *Come Holy Spirit*

*Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God.*

**Opening Song:**     *Veni Sancte Spiritus*

## **Opening Prayer**

Come Holy Spirit, descend upon us and sanctify us. Replenish our heart with your holy grace, and light in us the fire of your love. Confirm us in faith and in our union with you so that we may teach as Jesus did.

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## **The Kyrie**

**Leader:**     For the times that we have failed to love, Lord have mercy.

**All:**         **Lord have mercy.**

**Leader:**     For the times that we failed to touch the hearts of the students entrusted to our care, Christ have mercy.

**All:**         **Christ have mercy.**

**Leader:**     For the times that we failed to live as a community together and by association, Lord have mercy.

**All:**         **Lord have mercy.**

**Leader:**     Lord, forgive our failings of this completed school year. Make us worthy to serve Your people as ministers of your grace, ambassadors of your love. We pray this in the name of Jesus.

**All:**         **Amen.**

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## ***Reading I***

(Acts 2: 1 – 11)

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled,  
they were all in one place together.  
And suddenly there came from the sky  
a noise like a strong driving wind,  
and it filled the entire house in which they were.  
Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,  
which parted and came to rest on each one of them  
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in different tongues,  
as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem.  
At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd,  
but they were confused  
because each one heard them speaking in his own language.  
They were astounded, and in amazement they asked,  
"Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans?  
Then how does each of us hear them in his native language?  
We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites,  
inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,  
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,  
Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene,  
as well as travelers from Rome,  
both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs,  
yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues  
of the mighty acts of God."

## ***Responsorial Psalm***

Lord send out your Spirit,  
And renew the face of the earth.

## ***Reading II***

*(from Saint John Baptist de La Salle's Meditation on Pentecost Sunday)*

The Acts of the Apostles adds that when the disciples were all gathered together, there appeared to them separate tongues of fire that came to rest on each of them. Immediately they began to speak in various languages, according to the grace given to them by the Holy Spirit.

An amazing thing: that these men, up to then so earthly-minded that they could not grasp the sacred truths that Jesus Christ taught them, were all at once so enlightened that they could now explain clearly and with all imaginable accuracy the words of Holy Scripture! As a result, those present were completely surprised and filled with amazement, and in little time they converted a very great number of them, because, as Saint Peter told them, the Spirit of God had been poured out upon them.

You carry out a work that requires you to touch hearts, but this you cannot do except by the Spirit of God. Pray to him to give you today the same grace he gave the holy apostles, and ask him that, after filling you with his Holy Spirit to sanctify yourselves, he also communicate himself to you in order to procure the salvation of others.

## ***Solemn Reflection/Intercessions***

### ***Closing Prayer***

Creator God, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, Jesus our teacher. May we be afire with new hope. Help us be guiding light to our students. Fill us with a passion for our ministry of bringing your good news to those whom we teach, especially to those who are poor. Help us to recognize the needs of our time and to respond courageously. Open our minds and hearts to do your will so that one day we may come to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Saint John Baptist De La Salle...Pray for us!  
Live, Jesus, in our hearts...Forever!***