



ST. JOHN'S WORSHIP

Sunday, February 28, 2021
St. John's Baptist Church | Charlotte, NC
Lent II

Introduction

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart. Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, and make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Greeting & Prayer of Submission

Rev. Nate Dove

Hymn of Praise

God the Spirit, Guide, and Guardian

HYFRYDOL

God the Spirit, guide, and guardian, wind-spiced flame and hovering dove,
breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessing, power of love,
give to those who lead your people, fresh anointing of your grace.
Send them forth as bold apostles to your church in every place.

Reflection

How do you welcome the Holy Spirit into your life?

Reading from the Gospel of Mark

Mark 9:2-9

Gail Sifford, reader

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

This is the written word of God for the people of God; thanks be to God.

Reflection

How do you express the gifts of the Spirit?

The Church at Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allison Benfield

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Song of Transformation

Transform us as you, transfigured,
stood apart on Tabor's height.
Lead us up from our sacred mountains,
search us with revealing light.
Lift us up from where we have fallen,
full of questions, filled with fright.

Reflection

What fruit of the Spirit would you like to see increase in your life?

Song

O Spirit of the Living God
by J. Kevin Gray

O Spirit of the living God, who guides us as we walk below.
The same that lived and worked through Christ, is now alive in each of us.
We ask, O God, to still our noise, allowing us to hear your voice,
and once we've heard, give us the strength to go and make the holy choice.

Message

Agents of Transfiguration
Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Hymn

O Holy Spirit, Come to Us
AZMON

O Holy Spirit, come to us, the children Thou hast made;
in flame our hearts and rule our minds with Thine unfailing aid.
Then come, great Spirit, to everyone, our hearts make strong and bright,
direct our weary steps to Thee, and shape our wills for right.

Commissioning the Scattered Church

Dr. Foust

Postlude

Toccata Brevis
J. Noel Lance