

NUMBERS 11:24-30 (NIV)

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.

²⁶ However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

²⁸ Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!"

²⁹ But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" ³⁰ Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:3-13 (NIV)

³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,^[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.^[b] ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Unity and Diversity in the Body

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by^[c] one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

² When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² 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.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,^[b] ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.^[c]

We Praise You, O God

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1 We praise you, O God, our Re-deem-er, Cre-a-tor;
2 We wor-ship you, God of our fa-thers and moth-ers;
3 With voic-es u-nit-ed our prais-es we of-fer

in grate-ful de-vo-tion our trib-ute we bring.
through tri-al and tem-pest our guide you have been.
and glad-ly our songs of thanks-giv-ing we raise.

We lay it be-fore you; we kneel and a-dore you;
When per-ils o'er-take us, you will not for-sake us,
With you, Lord, be-side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho-ly name; glad prais-es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug-gles we win.
To you, our great Re-deem-er, for-ev-er be praise!

The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

TEXT: Julia C. Cory, 1902, alt.
MUSIC: *Nederlandsch Gedenck-Clanck*, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

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(this tune in a lower key, 336)

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

289 On Pentecost They Gathered

1 On Pen-te-cost they gath-ered quite ear-ly in the day,
2 The peo-ple all a-round them were star-tled and a-mazed
3 God pours the Ho-ly Spir-it on all who would be-lieve,
4 O Spir-it, sent from heav-en on that day long a-go,

a band of Christ's dis-ci-ples, to wor-ship, sing, and pray.
to un-der-stand their lan-guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
on wom-en, men, and chil-dren who would God's grace re-ceive.
re-kin-dle faith a-mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might-y wind came blow-ing, filled all the swirl-ing air,
What u-ni-ver-sal mes-sage, what great good news was here?
That Spir-it knows no lim-it, be-stow-ing life and power.
O give us ears to lis-ten and tongues a-flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a-glow-ing in-spired each per-son there.
That Christ, once dead, is ris-en to van-quist all our fear.
The church, formed and re-form-ing, re-sponds in ev-ery hour.
so folk of ev-ery na-tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.

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MUSIC: *Neuvermehrtes Meinlingisches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847
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280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spir-it, dwell a-mong us; come with
2 We would raise our al-le-lu-ias for the
3 Come, O Spir-it, dwell a-mong us; give us

Pen-te-cos-tal power; give the church a
grace of yes-ter-years; for to-mor-row's
words of fire and flame. Help our fee-ble

strong-er vi-sion; help us face each cru-cial hour.
un-known path-way, hear, O Lord, our hum-ble prayers.
lips to praise you, glo-ri-fy your ho-ly name.

Built up-on a firm foun-da-tion, Je-sus Christ, the
In the church's pil-grim jour-ney you have led us
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it, Three in One: what

Cor-ner-stone, still the church is called to
all the way; still in pres-ence move be-
mys-ter-y! We would sing our loud ho-

mis-sion that God's love shall be made known.
fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
san-nas now and through e-ter-ni-ty.