

The Holy Spirit

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What We Pray is What We Believe

("Lex orandi, lex credendi")

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From Thy clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, Thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure,
Come, Thou Light of all that live.

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful Guest,
Thy refreshing peace bestow.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet,
Pleasant coolness in the heat,
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, Light divine,
Visit Thou these hearts of Thine,
And our inmost being fill.

If Thou take Thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds; our strength renew;
On our dryness pour Thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away.

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

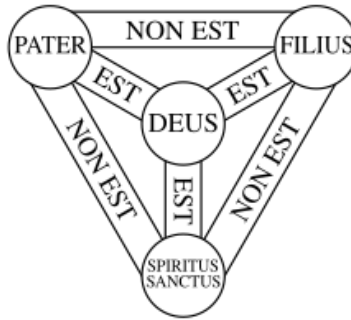
Thou, on those who evermore
Thee confess and Thee adore,
In Thy sevenfold gifts descend.

Give them comfort when they die,
Give them life with Thee on high;
Give them joys that never end.
Amen.

*Veni, Sancte Spiritus hymn: attributed to pope Innocent III (1160–1216)
Translated by Edward Caswall (1848)*



Holy Spirit - The Third Person of the Holy Trinity



The Shield of the Trinity based on the “Athanasian Creed” - ca. 12th Century

Beginning of the Athanasian Creed

“And the Catholic faith is this: that we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Essence. For there is one Person of the Father; another of the Son; and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one; the Glory equal, the Majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is; such is the Son; and such is the Holy Ghost. The Father uncreated; the Son uncreated; and the Holy Ghost uncreated. The Father unlimited; the Son unlimited; and the Holy Ghost unlimited. The Father eternal; the Son eternal; and the Holy Ghost eternal. And yet they are not three eternals; but one eternal. As also there are not three uncreated; nor three infinities, but one uncreated; and one infinite... So the Father is God; the Son is God; and the Holy Ghost is God. And yet they are not three Gods; but one God... The Father is *made of none*; neither created, nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone; not made, nor created; but *begotten*. The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son; neither made, nor created, nor begotten; but *proceeding*...”

A Relational Presentation of the Holy Trinity

God is Love! Love requires 3 RELATIONS: a Lover, a Beloved and the current of Love that flows between them.

- ❖ The *Father is the Lover*. From eternity, He is the fountal Source of everything.
- ❖ From eternity, He speaks Himself completely and *begets the Son, the eternal Word*, His perfect Image. [*Intellection: the Son is the Father's perfect self-knowledge.*]
- ❖ The Father looks at *His perfect Image*, His Beloved Son, and loves Him completely. Since the Son is God from God, He can receive the fullness of the Father's Love.
- ❖ The *Onlybegotten Son* looks back at the Father, loves Him completely, and *gives everything back* to Him.
- ❖ The unimaginable divine whirlwind of Love that the *Father and Son breathe* to each other *is the procession* of the Third Person (not an “It”) we call the Holy Spirit. [*Volition: besides knowing, spiritual beings can act, secondly, by way of love, the primary act of the will. The love, from which the Holy Spirit proceeds, comes from the Father and the Son. Thus, the Holy Spirit is the expression of their mutual love.*]

Symbols, Titles & Roles of the Holy Spirit

- ❖ Water: cleansing (e.g., in Baptism) and living water
- ❖ Anointing: Baptism + Confirmation + Holy Orders (priests & bishops)
- ❖ Fire: destruction (sin) + construction (holiness)
- ❖ Driving wind: e.g., with Nicodemus and at Pentecost
- ❖ Cloud & light: theophanies (OT/NT) + Incarnation
- ❖ Seal: sacramental indelible/permanent mark or character (instrumental potency)
- ❖ Hand: imposition of hands (epiclesis - calling down of the Holy Spirit)
- ❖ Finger: Creation + God's law + miracles
- ❖ Dove: flood/Noah + Baptism + Eucharist (old type ciborium)
- ❖ Pneumatosis/Pneuma: Breath of God (cf. Hebrew Ruah)
- ❖ Parakletos/Paraclete: Defender and Consoler
- ❖ Spirit of God + Spirit of Christ + Spirit of Adoption (St. Paul)

Gifts of the Holy Spirit (Charisma given for the benefit of the Church)

Isaiah 11:1-2

- ❖ Wisdom
- ❖ Understanding
- ❖ Counsel
- ❖ Fortitude
- ❖ Knowledge
- ❖ Piety
- ❖ Fear of the Lord

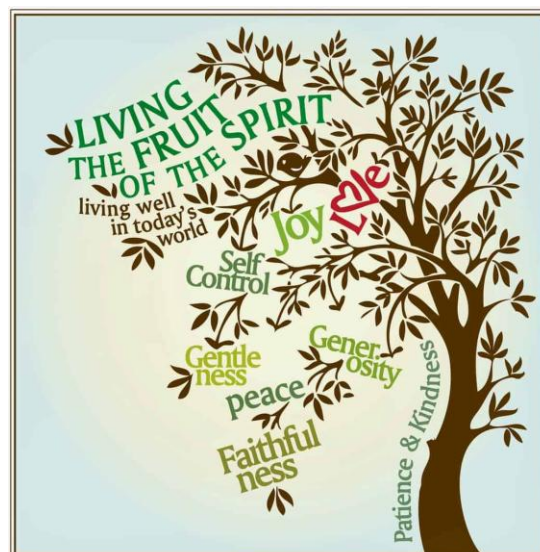
Mnemonic for GIFTS

When
YOU
Come
Forward (in)
Kingly
Procession (to)
Father

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

- ❖ Charity
- ❖ Joy
- ❖ Peace
- ❖ Patience
- ❖ Kindness
- ❖ Goodness
- ❖ Generosity
- ❖ Gentleness
- ❖ Faithfulness
- ❖ Modesty
- ❖ Self-control
- ❖ Chastity



Gradual Revelation & Work of the Holy Spirit in Salvation History

- ❖ The Creation Narrative (water/breath; Gen 1&7)
- ❖ The hope of Noah (the dove returns; Gen 8-9)
- ❖ Coming down/anointing (Ex 7; Sam 16; Judg 3)
- ❖ Signs, blessings and protection (Ex; Isa; Haggai)
- ❖ The sending of the Messiah (Anointed One; Isa)
- ❖ Healing and regeneration (Ezekiel 37)

Old Covenant

Age of the Father
“God outside us”

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- ❖ Incarnation (overshadowing; Lk 1:35)
 - ❖ The Baptism of Jesus (Mt 3:16; Mk 1:10; Lk 3:21)
 - ❖ Spiritual preparation (Simeon; the Baptist & Jesus)
 - ❖ The Spirit is promised to fulfill all (John 14-16)

New Covenant

Age of the Son
“God beside us”

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- ❖ The miracle of Pentecost and the Church (Acts 2)
 - ❖ The Church and the world today...

Age of the Holy Spirit
“God INSIDE us”

Operations of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in Public Life

- ❖ The center of Worship/Mass: calling down the Holy Spirit upon the Gifts (epiclesis)
- ❖ Makes the Church holy and guides her (Pentecost and ongoing sanctification)
- ❖ Speaks, acts and heals through the Church (Teaching Office and Holy Orders)
- ❖ Brings forth vocations, ministries, and charisms (gifts – always given for service)
- ❖ Makes us strong & teaches us when we give witness or in persecution (Lk 12:11-12)

Operations of the Holy Spirit in Our Personal Life

- ❖ In our creation and personal life (family - an earthly image of the Holy Trinity)
- ❖ At our Baptism & Confirmation (Acts 2:38)
- ❖ When we ask for or grow in faith, which is God's gift (1 Cor 12:3)
- ❖ Becoming holy and being guided / personal sanctification (Rom 5:5)
- ❖ In ongoing renewal and healing / conversion (Rom 12:2)
- ❖ When we pray / “in-spiration” (Rom 8:26)
- ❖ When we discern and decide / wisdom of life (Eph 1:16)
- ❖ Strength in suffering and illness / redemptive suffering (James 5:14)
- ❖ Helps us gain knowledge and increase in the love of God (Jn 14:26)

Some of the Best Catholic Works on the Holy Spirit (beside Scripture & Catechism)

- ❖ *Your Life in the Holy Spirit: What Every Catholic Needs to Know* by Alan Schreck
- ❖ *In the School of the Holy Spirit* by Jacques Philippe
- ❖ *True Devotion to the Holy Spirit* by Luis M. Martinez
- ❖ *The Holy Spirit* by St. Ambrose of Milan
- ❖ *Sober Intoxication of the Spirit* by Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa
- ❖ *Devotion to the Holy Spirit* by Fr. Paul O'Sullivan OP
- ❖ *The Fulfillment of All Desire* by Ralph Martin (best on spiritual life in general)