

The Stations of the Spirit



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Opening and Welcome

PRAYER Almighty and most merciful God,
Grant that by the indwelling of your holy Spirit
We may be enlightened and strengthened for your service;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*Book of Common Prayer
The Episcopal Church
Collect of the Holy Spirit*

HYMN

*Veni Sancte Spiritus
Taizé*



Cantor:

*Come Holy Spirit,
from heaven shining forth
with your glorious light.*

People:

Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Cantor:

*Come, Father of the poor,
come, generous spirit,
come light of our hearts*

People:

Veni Sancte Spiritus.

1st Station: Creation

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up – for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground – then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:5-9
New Revised Standard Version

REFLECTION

The Rev. Chris Tang, *Rector*

PRAYER

Let us pray that we may see God's spirit in all of creation.
Blessed are you, Lord, God of our existence.
Your love cannot be contained
and overflows in the wonder of creation.
You formed the universe out of nothing
and moulded us from the clay of the earth.
All you have made sings of your marvellous deeds,
O Lord, the *ruach* within each of us.
Amen.

Common Worship
Church of England
Collect for Easter Vigil *adapted*

Come, Holy Spirit
And light the fire within



2nd Station: The Flood

On that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. The waters swelled so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

Genesis 7: 11, 12, 18, 19; 8:1,6-12
New Revised Standard Version

REFLECTION

Denise Noll, *Senior Warden*

PRAYER

Sanctifying God, the Dove brought the message
Of peace and mercy to Noah in the days of flood.
Bring to us that same mercy and protection,
Which is yours alone to give. Inspire within each
A desire to work for Peace on the earth.
May the Dove of Peace be with us all.
Amen.

Original

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3rd Station: The Burning Bush

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." Then the Lord said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak."

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; 4:10-12
New Revised Standard Version

REFLECTION

Wendy Hauck, *Worship Commission*

PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord, God of our inspiration.
You revealed yourself to your servant Moses
in the awesome wonder of the burning bush
and appointed him to lead your people
to freedom in the promised land.
By the fire of your Spirit today reveal yourself afresh
and strengthen us to free the enslaved
and break the bonds of the captive,
that they may openly sing your praise,
O Lord, our maker and redeemer.
Amen.

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HYMN

Spirit of the Living God
Iverson



Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,



Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.



Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.



Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.



4th Station: The Anointing of Solomon

King David said, "Call Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada." They came to the king. Then he ordered, "Gather my servants, then mount my son Solomon on my royal mule and lead him in procession down to Gihon. When you get there, Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet will anoint him king over Israel. Then blow the ram's horn trumpet and shout, 'Long live King Solomon!' You will then accompany him as he enters and takes his place on my throne, succeeding me as king. I have named him ruler over Israel and Judah." Benaiah son of Jehoiada backed the king: "Yes! And may GOD, the God of my master the king, confirm it! Just as GOD has been with my master the king, may he also be with Solomon and make his rule even greater than that of my master King David!" Then Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and the king's personal bodyguard (the Kerethites and Pelethites) went down, mounted Solomon on King David's mule, and paraded with him to Gihon. Zadok the priest brought a flask of oil from the sanctuary and anointed Solomon. They blew the ram's horn trumpet and everyone shouted, "Long live King Solomon!" Everyone joined the fanfare, the band playing and the people singing, the very earth reverberating to the sound.

1 Kings 1: 32-40
The Message

REFLECTION

The Rev. William Bell, *Priest Associate*

PRAYER

Eternal God, your holiness is known in all the world,
as you sanctified Kings, Priests and Prophets
in ages past to make them most holy,
enliven within us and leaders of all lands
your Spirit of Wisdom and compassion.
Anoint us in that same sense of holiness
so we may seek and serve you in all Creation.
Amen.

Original
(Inspired by Exodus 30)

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5th Station: Isaiah's Prophecies

The Spirit of *Adonai ELOHIM* is upon me,
because *ADONAI* has anointed me
to announce good news to the poor.
He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted;
to proclaim freedom to the captives,
to let out into light those bound in the dark;
I am so joyful in *ADONAI*!
My soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in salvation,
dressed me with a robe of triumph,
like a bridegroom wearing a festive turban,
like a bride adorned with her jewels.
For just as the earth brings forth its plants,
or a garden makes its plants spring up,
so *ADONAI*, God, will cause victory and glory
to spring up before all nations.

Isaiah 61:1, 10, 11
Complete Jewish Bible

REFLECTION

The Rev. Jo Leslie, *Deacon*

PRAYER Inspiring God, your spirit inspired the words of Prophets.
Inspire within us a prophetic spirit
so that we may proclaim your glory in all the world.
May we understand the depth of your Love,
that you are with us always to the ages of ages.
Amen.

Original
(Inspired by the Divine Liturgy
of St. John Chrysostom)

Come, Holy Spirit
And light the fire within





1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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6th Station: The Babylonian Exile

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,
the Lord appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.
Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
"Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the Lord our God."

Jeremiah 31:2-6
New Revised Standard Version

REFLECTION

William Shaw, *Vergers*

PRAYER Blessed are you, Lord, God of our strength and salvation.
Even when your people broke your covenant,
your heart cried out for them
and you remained steadfast as a faithful husband.
Strengthen in us a steadfast resolve
and write your law on our hearts,
that we may truly be your people, and you our God,
O Lord, our maker and redeemer. *Amen.*

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7th Station: The Annunciation

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:26-38
New Revised Standard Version

REFLECTION

Denise Noll, *Senior Warden*

PRAYER Father of love,
 Through your Holy Spirit,
 Mary the Jewish girl conceived your Son;
 May his beauty, his humanity,
 His all transforming grace be born in us,
 And may we never despise the strange and stirring gentleness
 Of your almighty power.
 Amen.

He Karakia Mihinare O Aotearoa
Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand
and Polynesia
Collect of the Annunciation

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8th Station: The Baptism of Jesus

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Mark 1: 9-13
New Revised Standard Version

REFLECTION

William Shaw, *Verger*

PRAYER

Eternal Father,
Who at the baptism of Jesus
Revealed him to be your Son,
Anointing him with the Holy spirit,
Keep your children,
Faithful to their calling;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*Book of Alternative Services,
Anglican Church of Canada
Collect of Proper 1 (Baptism of our Lord)
adapted*

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ANTHEM

*"Hymn"
Original Jars of Clay*



9th Station: The Transfiguration

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

Matthew 17: 1-8
New Revised Standard Version

REFLECTION

Michael Craighead, *Theologian-in-Residence*

PRAYER

Almighty God,
On the mountain you showed your glory
In the transfiguration of your Son.
Surround us with a great cloud of your Spirit
So we may have a new vision
to see beyond the turmoil of our world
and behold the king in all glory.
Amen.

Lutheran Book of Worship
Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship
Prayer of the Day- The Transfiguration of our Lord
adapted

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10th Station: The Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Acts 2:1-4

New Revised Standard Version

REFLECTION

The Rev. Chris Tang, *Rector*

PRAYER Living God,
 Eternal Spirit,
 Let your bright intoxicating energy,
 Which fired those first disciples
 Fall on us
 To turn the world again.
 Amen.

He Karakia Mihinare O Aotearoa
Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand
and Polynesia
Collect of Pentecost

Come, Holy Spirit
And light the fire within



HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Nova Vita



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

PRAYER

Almighty and ever living God,
 Who fulfilled the promises of Easter
 By sending the Holy Spirit
 And opening to every race and nation
 The way of life eternal,
 Keep us in the unity of your Spirit,
 That every tongue may tell of your glory;
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 One God, now and forever.
Amen.

*Book of Alternative Services,
 Anglican Church of Canada
 Collect of Pentecost*

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