

Spirit of God

By Frank Fick

Chorus

**Holy, Holy Spirit, living in my soul.
Holy, Holy Spirit, making me whole.**

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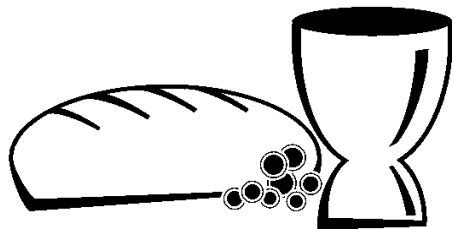
You came to serve man!
You came to save man!

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You came to empower man!
You came to enlighten our darkness!

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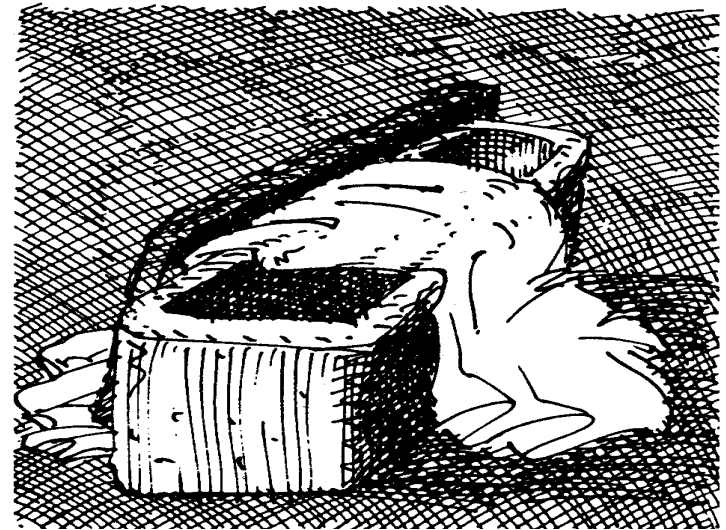
You give us a taste of heaven!
You stir up our hearts again!



We celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly—and in a circle, at the end of worship. A word of direction is given, and with this everyone stands and moves to the walls. The cup is passed in two forms: in a chalice and then in small individual cups. You are free to choose.

And as this is the Supper of the Lord Christ, please listen to the instructions we give as to what qualifies a visitor to participate. **But whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle.**

Pentecost



And if the Spirit of him
who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you,
he who raised Christ from the dead
will also give life to your mortal bodies
through his Spirit, who lives in you.....
...if you live according to the sinful nature, you
will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death
the deeds of the body, you will live....

(Romans 8:11 & 13)

Old Orchard Church

Eighth Sunday of Easter

May 27, 2012—10:15 to 11:50 a.m.

Celebrating the Immortal Jesus as the Resurrection Community of Life and Power

Blessed be the Lord Jesus Christ
Who has baptized us with his Spirit—

Divine wind,
Fire from heaven,
Power for our poor power—
The very life of God in our lives!

Praise be to the Spirit who animates the church;
Who sets Christ before us, glorifying his dying and rising,
Convincing us we are loved,
Softening our hearts of stone,
Recreating us in the Beloved,
Filling us with hope for our own immortality,
Drawing together what had split apart:
Young and old, rich and poor, men and women,
This racial group and that, the weak and the strong—
One new community of redeemed children of Adam!

Come, O Source of joy and gladness,
Breathe your life in and through us;
Fill us with power to do what is good.
Alleluia!



Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson: from Ezekiel 37
New Testament Reading: from Acts 2

Sermon

“The Spiritual Discipline of Singing”

James 5:13

Ron Lutjens, pastor, preaching

The Spirit and the New Humanity

The Church is composed of those who are God's people in a very different sense than, for instance, *the earth is the Lord's*. The Spirit of the Lord fills and moves his creation, but what made the Church and fills and moves it is his Holy Spirit, something dearer, something greater. All men are God's, as part of his creation; they are his offspring. But there is something greater, more divine than humanity; it is the Church of God. The Church of God is the finest product of humanity, it is the greatest thing in the universe. And this is so because it was produced by God in his Son and Holy Spirit. The Church is his own as no nation is, no society, no family. The Church is his as his Son is his, his in his Son. His not as a part of creation, but as a new creation in Jesus Christ. If in love he created the world, in much more love did he create the Church. It was in might and beauty he created the world; it was in holy love he created the Church. It is his as nothing else in the world is. It is the Church of his Son, and his Son is more to him than all the world.

I speak of the Church of course as God sees it, God who sees the end from the beginning. You must also learn to see your Church like that, not as a man sees it but as God redeemed it, and as God trusts it, and bears with it, and feeds it, and serves it, and waits for it while it grows to the mature man in Jesus Christ.

—P. T. Forsyth (1848-1921)

