

Trinity 15



In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my
song
This Cornerstone this solid
ground
Firm through the fiercest
drought and storm

In Christ Alone

What heights of love what
depths of peace
When fears are stilled when
strivings cease
My comforter my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I
stand

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless
Babe

This gift of love and
righteousness

Scorned by the ones He came
to save

In Christ Alone

'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was
satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I
live

In Christ Alone

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness
slain
Then bursting forth in glorious
day
Up from the grave He rose
again

In Christ Alone

And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on
me

For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious
blood of Christ

In Christ Alone

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in
me

From life's first cry to final
breath

Jesus commands my destiny

In Christ Alone

No pow'r of hell no scheme of
man
Can ever pluck me from His
hand
'Til He returns or calls me
home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll
stand

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

And also with you

Father, you come to meet us
when we return to you.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Jesus, you died on the cross for
our sins.

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Holy Spirit, you give us life and
peace.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Together let us pray as we sing:

Almighty God, to you all hearts
are open. All desires known and
from you no secrets are hidden.

Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your
holy Spirit. That we may perfectly
love you and worthily magnify
your holy name. through Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Collect for the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that Your church, being gathered by Your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth Your power among all peoples, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for Bishop Derek

Father, thank you for Bishop Derek. As he begins his Episcopacy, give him Your grace and so fill him with the truth of Your doctrine and clothe him with holiness of life, that he may faithfully serve before You, to the glory of Your great name and for the benefit of Your holy Church: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A reading from Acts 2:1-11



The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Prayer of St Francis

Where there is hatred, let me sow
love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, let me show
faith;
where there's despair, hope;
where there is darkness, let me
bring light,
where there is sadness, joy;

Prayer of St Francis

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In dying we are born to life.

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Prayer of St Francis

Make me a vessel,
Make me a vessel of your peace
Lord.



Jesus we Enthroned You

Jesus we enthrone You
We proclaim You our King
Standing here in the midst of us
We raise You up with our praise
And as we worship build a throne
And as we worship build a throne
And as we worship build a throne
Come Lord Jesus and take Your
place

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The Lord be with you.

And Also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. John chapter 16:
verses 13 - 16

Glory to You, Lord Jesus



The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



God's Unstoppable Mission:
Stories from the Book of Acts

The Spirit's Work and Witness

The Holy Spirit is the most intimate of the members of the Holy Trinity. He's the one who actually touches us personally; he is the one who comes into our lives personally.

I want to ask you this morning about the condition of your life, deep down inside where the Holy Spirit

comes to dwell

- Are you fulfilled?
- Are you growing?
- Are you peaceful?
 - Are you stuck?
- Are you defeated down there; are you discouraged?

I want to ask you this morning about the condition of your life, deep down inside where the Holy Spirit comes to dwell

- Are you joyful, invigorated, vital?
- Are you one day up, another day down?
 - Are you empty; is there pain there?
- Do you experience intimacy with God?
 - Is there something dynamic occurring through a real sense of the reality of God in your life?

I want to ask you this morning about the condition of your life, deep down inside where the Holy Spirit comes to dwell

- Do you pray out of duty or out of desire?
- Do you sense deeply the inner peace of God, or is there pain in your inner person?
- Are you struggling in your spirit; are you guilty?
 - Are you locked up?
 - Are you critical?
 - Are you sort of moralistic?
 - Are you alone?

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- Or, when you slow down and reflect on who you are and who God really is, is there inner joy?
- Is there inner peace and an overriding gratitude to the Lord that's bigger than your momentary pain and disappointment?

Jesus said:

“Peace. I am giving you peace.”

Pentecost is a Greek word that means "fifty."
The day was called that because it was fifty days after the Passover feast. Pentecost meant a Jewish feast which is given to us in the Old Testament under the title, the Feast of Weeks, i.e., seven weeks were to be numbered from Passover, or forty-nine days; then on the fiftieth day they were to have the Feast of Weeks,

It is called also the Feast of the Wave Loaves because it consisted of two loaves of bread that were baked of grain from the new harvest.

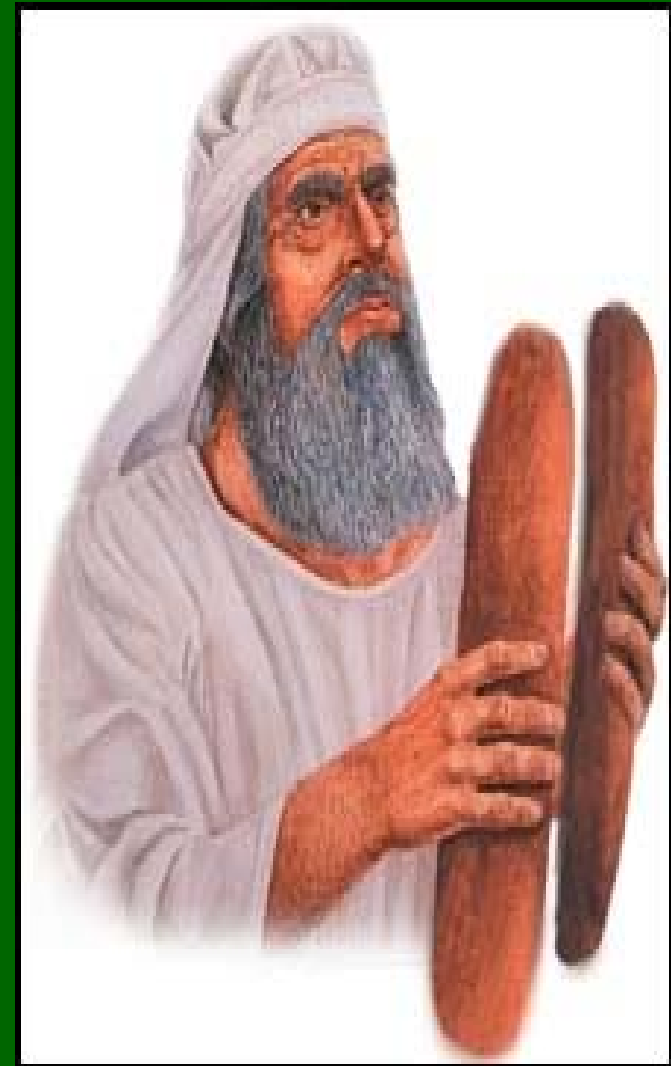
15 Seven weeks after you offer this bundle of grain, each family must bring another offering of new grain. 16 Do this exactly fifty days later, which is the day following the seventh Sabbath. 17 Bring two loaves of bread to be lifted up in dedication to me. Each loaf is to be made with yeast and with four pounds of the finest flour from the first part of your harvest. (Lev 23:15)



- These two loaves were symbols of the two bodies from which the church was to be formed: the Jews and the Gentiles.
- Jesus said he came first to the lost sheep of the house of the Israel, the Jews.



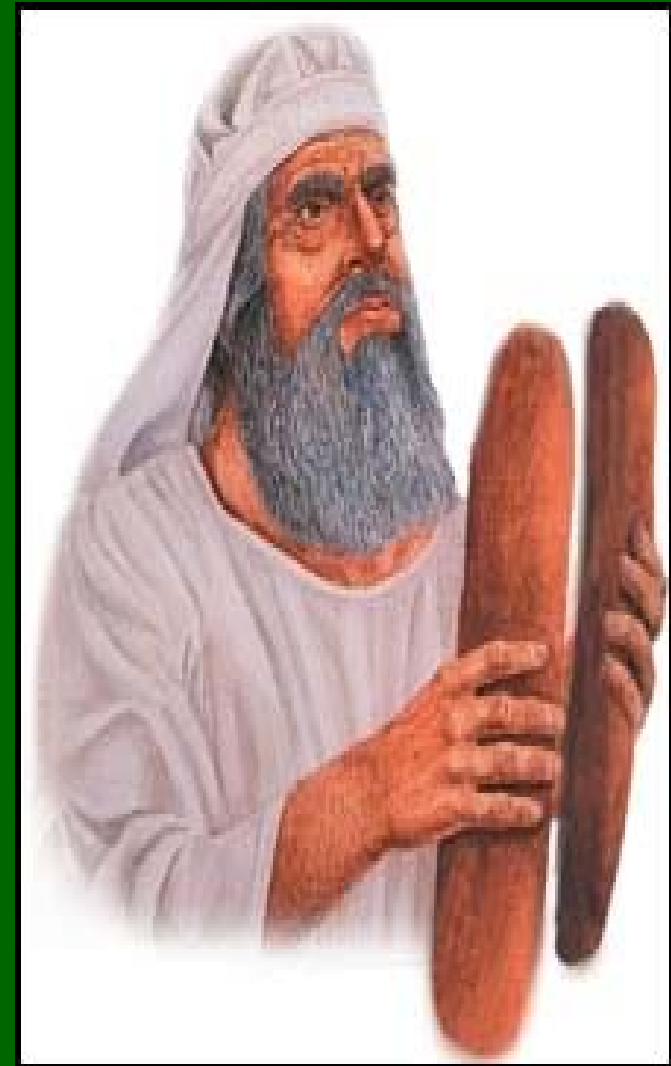
- But he said, "Other sheep have I which are not of this fold; them also must I bring that there may be one flock," John 10:16).



- He was referring to the Gentiles. Here, on the day of Pentecost, God took the Jews and the Gentiles and brought them together and baptized them into one.



- The wave loaves is the only sacrifice in all the Old Testament that ever had leaven included in it. Why?
- Well, it is God's wonderful way of telling us that the church is not made up of perfect people. It is made up of saints, but they are sinful saints. They yet have sin in them.



The Holy Spirit is:

- “the divine gift”.

The Holy Spirit comes to dwell within us when we put our faith in Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:13

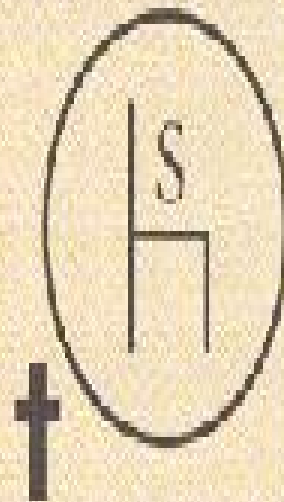
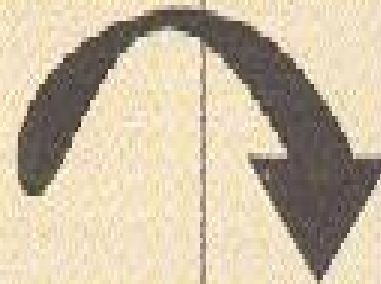
13 And now you also have heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. 14The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us everything he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. This is just one more reason for us to praise our glorious God.

Life Without the Spirit

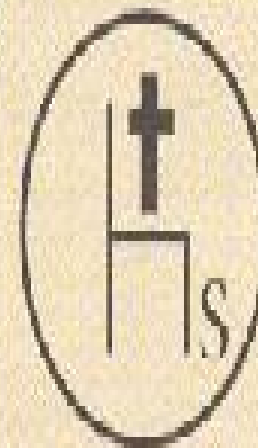
Life With the Spirit

Before Receiving Christ

After Receiving Christ



Faith



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“The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God. They are foolishness to him. He cannot understand them because they are spiritually discerned.” (1 Cor. 2:14)

We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.
(1 Cor. 2:12)

Now, if you know you are a Christian but you also know you are seldom satisfied in your experience of God. Do you know why that is? The answer comes in point two

“The present danger”.

People who trust in their own efforts and strength to live the Christian life will experience failure and frustration, as will those who live to please themselves rather than pleasing God.

- Sometimes we try to be loving.
 - We try to be obedient
 - We try to have faith.
- But, we are depending upon ourselves instead of depending upon the inner person of the Holy Spirit.
- This is dangerous to your soul health.

We cannot live the Christian life in our own strength.

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We cannot live the Christian life in our own strength.

You cannot be a little Jesus apart from the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit working in you.

Paul says to the Christians in Galatia

“Are you so foolish after beginning with the Holy Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?”

“The sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit and the Spirit desires what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other so that you do not do what you want until you learn to walk in the Spirit.”

Three Kinds of Lifestyles

A Self-centered Life

A Christ-centered Life

A Self-centered Life

Before Receiving Christ

After Receiving Christ



To these Paul says in 1 Corinthians

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“Brothers and sisters, I couldn’t address you as spiritual but as worldly, mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you are not ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly, [even though they were Christians.] You are worldly, since there is jealousy and quarreling among you. Are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men even though you have the Holy Spirit?”

Knowing that:

- The Holy Spirit is the Divine Gift
 - There is a Present Danger
 - We then learn to:
 - Walk in the Spirit

Well, how do we get to this place?

It is learning to depend upon the Holy Spirit and his abundant resources as a way of life.

It's not going through life saying,

“I will be loving.

I will be good.

I will obey God.”

That's just depending on your own willpower.

**You are going
to fail.**

It's as we depend upon the Holy Spirit that we have the ability to live a life that is pleasing to God.

- Paul says in Galatians 5:
- “16 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”

All right, then, how can I be sure
that I am on this journey?

“Most merciful God, I confess that I have
sinned against you in thought, word and
deed by what I have done and by what I
haven’t done. I haven’t loved you with my
whole heart. I haven’t loved my neighbors
as myself. Please forgive me.”

All right, then, how can I be sure
that I am on this journey?

“Lord, I open the door of my life and I ask
you take control of me, my will, my wants,
my emotions, my relationships. Please fill
every part of me with your Holy Spirit.
Please help me become the person you
want me to be.”

- Of course, there are other things that make a huge difference in our relationship with the Lord.
- meeting regularly with other believers for honest discussion and prayer and worship;
 - having models and mentors to follow;
 - studying the Bible,

- learning to pray,
- learning about the gifts of the Holy Spirit;
 - serving God in the church;
 - serving God in the world
- all of these things make a big difference,

Satisfaction in the inner person only
comes when I realize

I am not God.

I do not know best.

I am not good enough.

I am not strong enough.

I am not wise enough to achieve a truly
fruitful life.

spiritual breathing

I exhale when I realize when I am trying so hard to do what only God can do, or when I am trying to do what is displeasing to God.

I must get rid of that, I must exhale it.

“Take it away, God.”

I get rid of that attitude,

spiritual breathing

I inhale deeply receiving Christ's Spirit throughout my being again.

I ask him to fill me.

I give myself afresh to Christ.

I ask him to take this particular problem.

I ask him to take this relationship that I can't get worked out.

spiritual breathing

I ask him to take this dilemma and work in me and work in this other person and work in this situation and work on it, by the Holy Spirit, to work it out according to God's purposes.

I choose to rely upon the Holy Spirit.

I choose peace through trust in him.

So, you see, when you choose to
rely upon the Holy Spirit

He answers your prayer to fill you, and he
will be at work in that situation for his
purposes.

Second, God strengthens you with power
through his spirit in the inner person.

And third, God fills you with his Holy Spirit.
He takes whatever the situation is and he
takes control

When we know that the Holy Spirit is “the empowering presence”.

We understand that the essence of the Christian life is what God does in and through us, not what we do for God.

It is a huge, immense relief to
affirm:

I do not have to be God.

This then is the turning point in a Christian's
life, realizing that it is God who lives the
Christian life in us, through us, by the Holy
Spirit. We are filled with the Holy Spirit
simply by faith.

I started with some questions and it is this way by which I want to end:

Do you really want to experience intimacy with God?

Do you want God to have his way in your life?

Are you ready to give up trying to control your life and allow him to control it?

I started with some questions and it is this way by which I want to end:

Have you truly accepted that he's God and you are not? Have you really confessed your sins to God?

Have you received his forgiveness?

Have you opened up all areas of your life as best you know how, giving him unhindered access?

I started with some questions and it is this way by which I want to end:

Will you entrust your problems to him, even as you keep working to try to solve them?

Will you give them to him instead of holding them within yourself?

Collect for Trinity

O God, the strength of all those
who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the
weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without
you, grant us the help of your
grace,

that in the keeping of your
commandments
we may please you both in will
and deed;
through Jesus Christ your Son
our Lord, who is alive and reigns
with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. Amen



Creed

Jonathan to say:

We believe the grace of God has
dawned upon us with healing for all
the world, and so we rejoice and
declare our faith in him:

Creed

We trust in God the Father, who has revealed his love and kindness to us, and in his mercy has saved us, not for any good deed of our own, but because he is merciful.

Creed

*We trust in Jesus Christ, who
gave*

*Himself up for us , to free us
from our sin , and set us apart for
himself-a people eager to do good.*

Creed

*We trust in the Holy Spirit
Whom God poured out on us
generously*

*Through our saviour, so that
justified by grace we might become
Heirs with the hope of eternal
life. Amen*

Prayers of the People



Prayer of Confession

Father forgive us when we are
reluctant disciples, and renew
our desire to follow
you even if, like those first
disciples, it means having the
direction of our
lives completely changed

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us when we forget that
we do not have to do everything
in our
own power when challenged to
take risks of faith.

Prayer of Confession

Holy Spirit, breathe new life into
us now, as we can only offer true
worship
and provide faithful discipleship
when we are empowered by you.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly
Father,
who of his great mercy
has promised forgiveness of sins
to all them that with hearty
repentance and true faith
turn unto him:

Absolution

have mercy upon you;
pardon and deliver you from all
your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness;
and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Peace

*Peace to you from God our heavenly
Father.*

*Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who
is our peace.*

*Peace from the Holy Spirit the Life-
giver.*

*The peace of the Triune God be
always with you*

And Also with You

Prayers of the People



Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name
is Love

Who ever lives and pleads for me

Before the Throne of God Above

My name is graven on His hands

My name is written on His heart

I know that while in heav'n He
stands

No tongue can bid me thence
depart

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depart

Before the Throne of God Above

When Satan tempts me to
despair

And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin

Before the Throne of God Above

Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Before the Throne of God Above

Behold Him there the Risen
Lamb

My perfect spotless
Righteousness

The great unchangeable I Am
The King of Glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die

Before the Throne of God Above

My soul is purchased by His
blood

My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my
God

With Christ my Savior and my
God

Offertory Prayer

Holy God, today we have been remembering with gratitude the many ways in which you touch and bless our lives. Your holiness inspires us to be more holy; your love causes us to be more loving; your life in us brings to birth dreams and visions for a better and more just world.

Offertory Prayer

We offer these gifts and our lives
in thankfulness for all you have
done and are doing in our lives.
This we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen



The Eucharistic Prayer

Is the Father with us?

He is.

Is Christ among us?

He is.

Is the Spirit here?

He is.

The Eucharistic Prayer

This is our God.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We are his people.

We are redeemed.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

**It is right to give him thanks
and praise.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Saviour and Giver. From a wandering nomad you created your family;

The Eucharistic Prayer

for a burdened people you raised up a leader; for a confused nation you chose a king, for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets.

The Eucharistic Prayer

In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your kingdom, revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning,

The Eucharistic Prayer

remaking your people for yourself. Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Therefore with angels,
archangels, faithful ancestors
and all in heaven, we proclaim
your great and glorious name,
forever praising you and saying.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Almighty God, Owner of all things, We thank you for giving up your only son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember him in the way he commanded, through these gifts of your creation.

The Eucharistic Prayer

On the same night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks: he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Eucharistic Prayer

**Amen. His body was broken
for us.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave thanks: he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in the remembrance of me."

The Eucharistic Prayer

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

We are brothers and sisters
through his blood

**We have died together, We will
rise together, We will live
together.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Brother, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world,

The Eucharistic Prayer

the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted his offering by raising him from death, and granting him great honour at your right hand on high.

The Eucharistic Prayer

People Amen. Jesus is Lord.

Priest: This is the feast of victory

People The lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Hallelujah

The Eucharistic Prayer

Let us say with confidence as our
Saviour has taught us:

The Eucharistic Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be your Name, your
kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us this
day our daily bread and forgive us
our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us. And lead
us not into temptation but deliver us
from evil.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Every time we eat this bread and drink
this cup,

**All: We proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Christ is alive for ever. **We are
because he is.**

We are one body.

We share one bread.

Draw near with faith. **Christ is
the host and we are his
guests.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, keep your body and soul in eternal life. Drink this, in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you and be thankful.

The Eucharistic Prayer

**All: Jesus, Lamb of God, have
mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have
mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**



Jesus, Be the Centre

Jesus, be the centre

Be my source

Be my Light

Jesus

Jesus, Be the Centre

Be the fire in my heart

Be the wind in these sails

Be the reason that I live

Jesus

Jesus, Be the Centre

Jesus, be the centre

Be my hope

Be my song

Jesus

Jesus, Be the Centre

Be the fire in my heart

Be the wind in these sails

Be the reason that I live

Jesus

Jesus, Be the Centre

Jesus, be my vision

Be my path

Be my guide

Jesus

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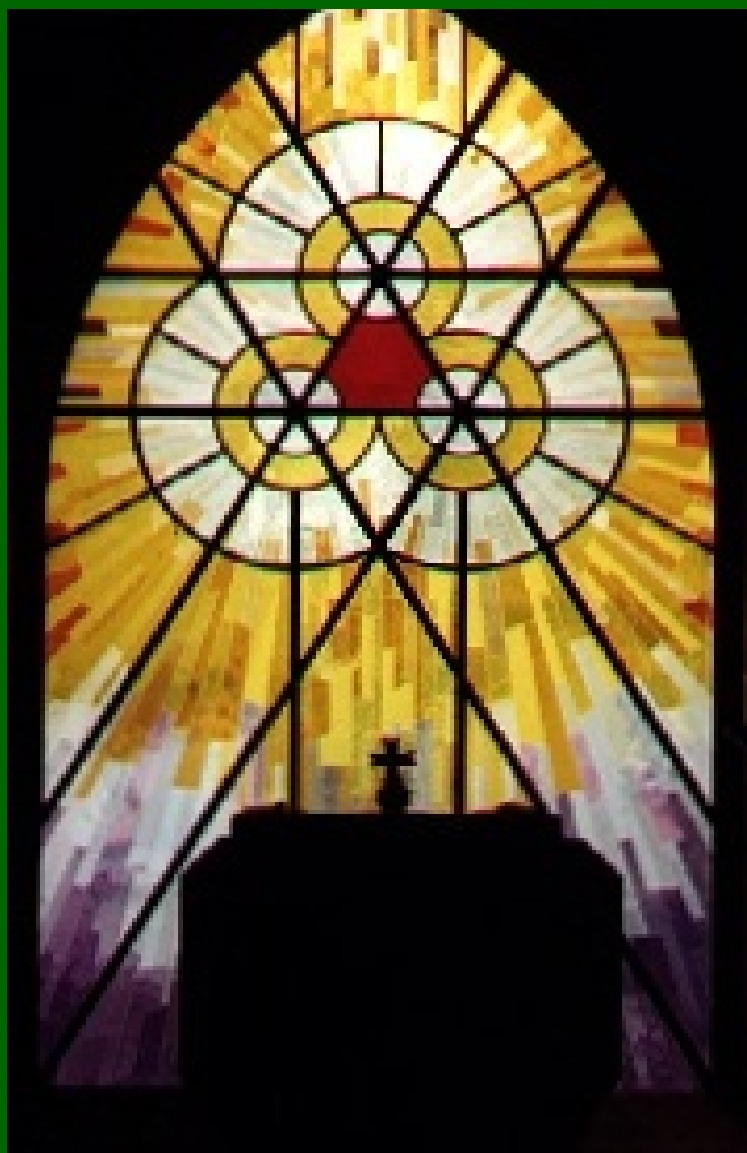
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Jesus



Breathe on Me

Breathe on me breath of God
Fill me with life anew
That I may love
What Thou dost love
And do what Thou wouldst do

Breathe on Me

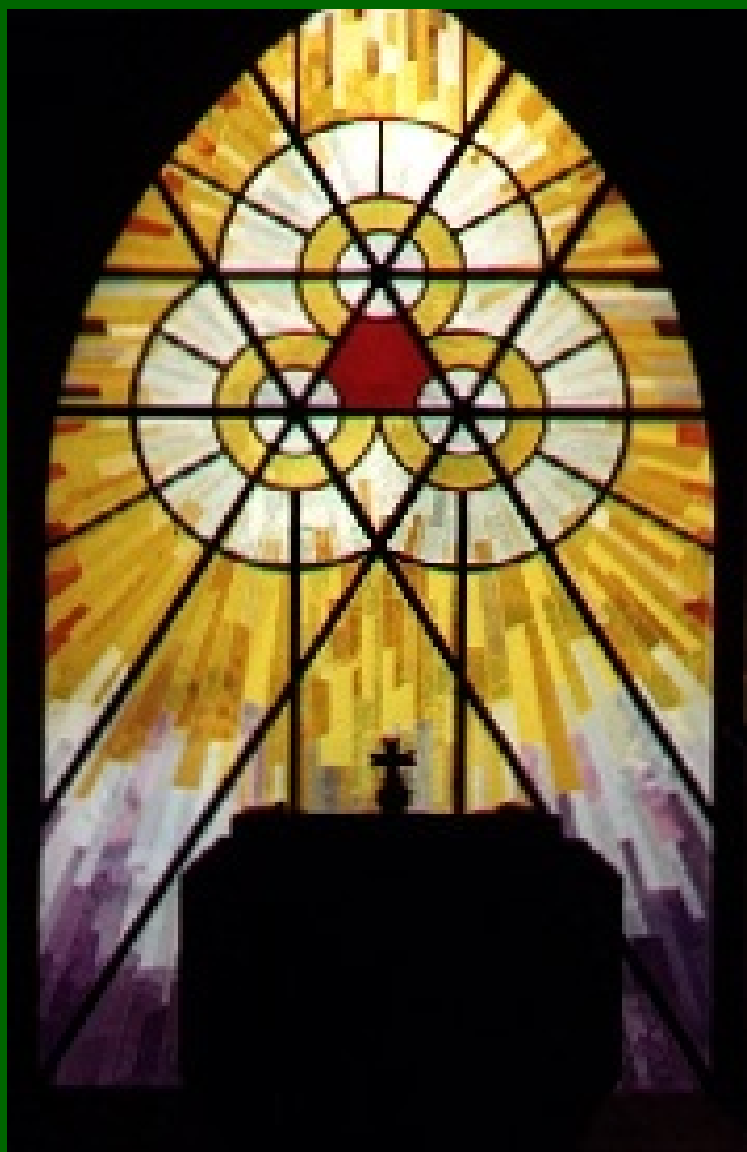
Breathe on me breath of God
Until my heart is pure
Until with Thee I will one will
To do and to endure

Breathe on Me

Breathe on me breath of God
Till I am wholly Thine
Until this earthly part of me
Glow with Thy fire divine

Breathe on Me

Breathe on me breath of God
So shall I never die
But live with Thee
The perfect life
Of Thine eternity



Christ as a Light

Christ as a light illumine and guide me

Christ as a shield o'er shadow me

Christ under me Christ over me

Christ beside me on my left and my right

Christ as a Light

This day be within and without me
Lowly and meek yet all powerful

Christ as a Light

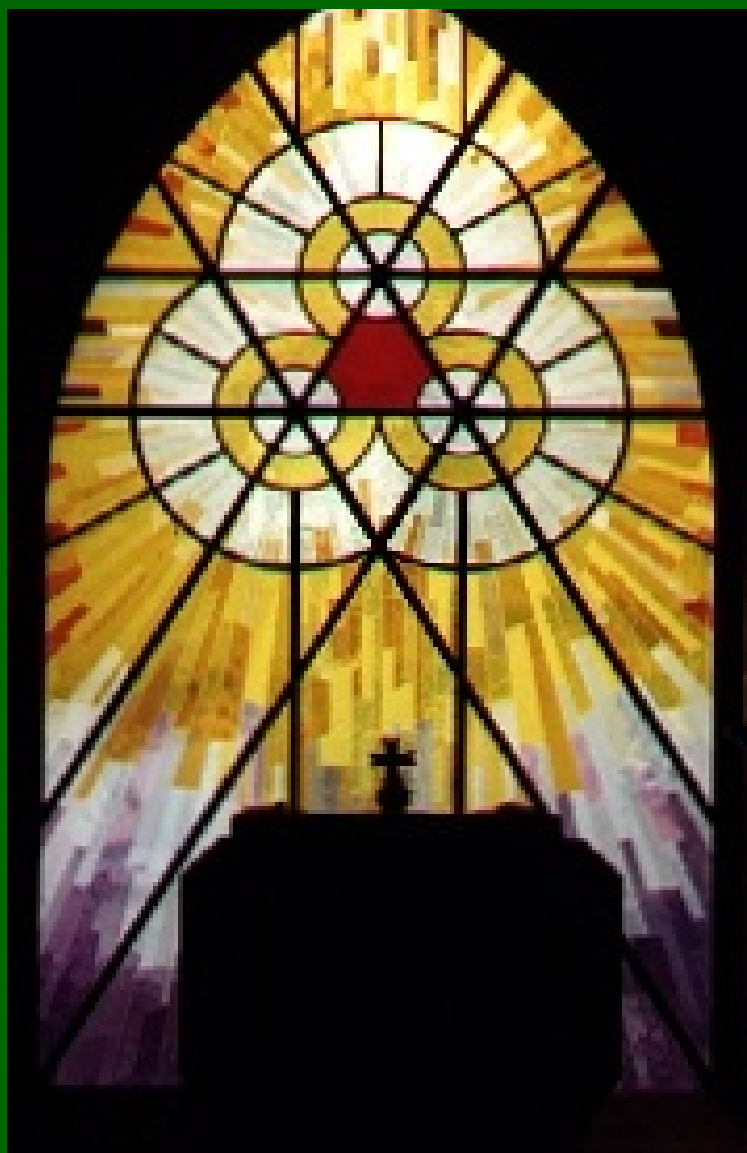
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak
In the mouth of each who speaks unto me

Christ as a Light

This day be within and without me
Lowly and meek yet all powerful

Christ as a Light

Christ as a light Christ as a shield
Christ beside me on my left and my right



Prayer After Communion

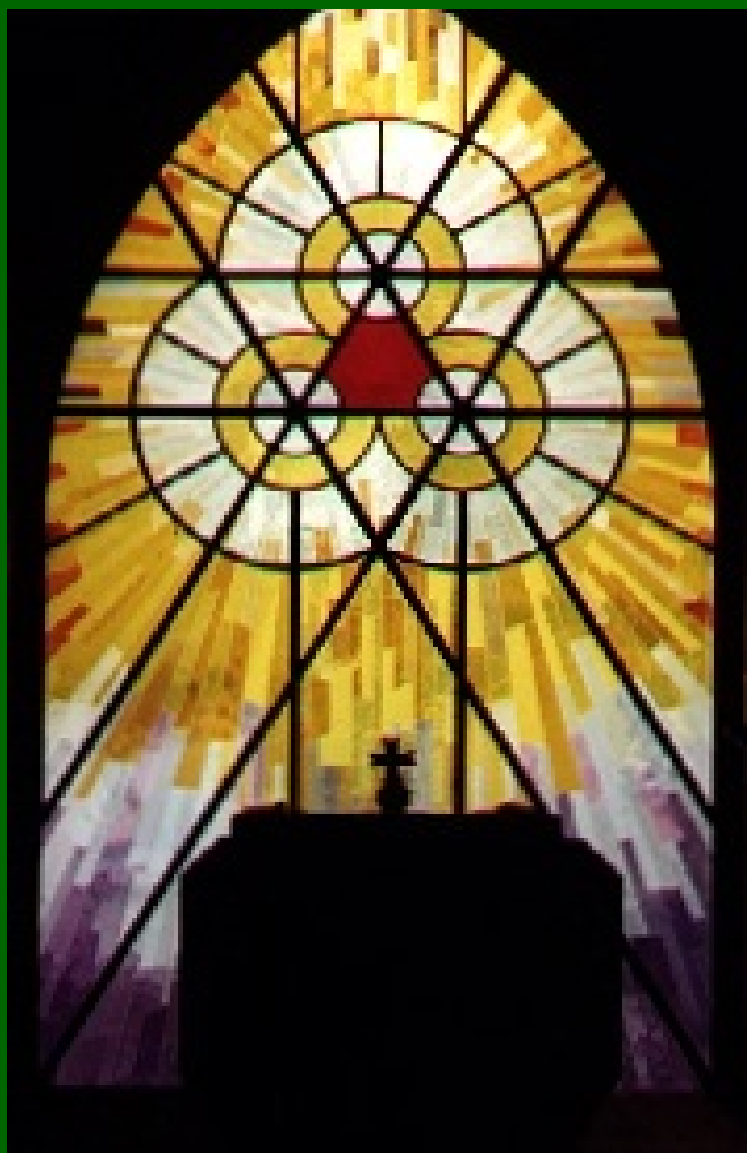
**Almighty God,
may we who have received this
holy communion,
worship you with lips and lives
proclaiming your majesty
and finally see you in your
eternal glory:**

**Holy and Eternal Trinity,
one God, now and for ever.**

Amen

Blessing

**May Almighty God make you
faithful to His calling,
Cheerful in His service,
And fruitful in His Kingdom.**



Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are
spoken

Zion city of our God

He whose word cannot be broken

Formed thee for His own abode

On the Rock of Ages founded

What can shake thy sure repose

With salvation's walls surrounded

Thou may'st smile at all thy foes

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

See the streams of living waters
Springing from eternal love
Well supply thy sons and
daughters

And all fear of want remove
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage
Grace which like the Lord the
Giver

Never fails from age to age

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Round each habitation hov'ring

See the cloud and fire appear

For a glory and a cov'ring

Showing that the Lord is near

Thus they march the pillar

leading

Light by night and shade by day

Daily on the manna feeding

Which He gives them when they

pray

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Savior since of Zion's city
I thro' grace a member am
Let the world deride or pity
I will glory in Thy name
Fading is the world's best
pleasure

All its boasted pomp and show
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Zion's children know