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La Pentecoste (1308 — 1311) Duccio di Buoninsegna. Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Siena.

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INTRODUCTION

Throughout the last few weeks we have explored the significance of the Jesus Christ event —his Paschal Mystery. We have contemplated how Christ’s saving mission has affected our experience of being human and how his dying and rising has been assimilated by his body —the church. To explore the implications of the Christ event we used the Scripture lessons for the Easter season to help us get in touch with the experience of the early followers of Jesus Christ. As we near the end of another Easter season, we can affirm that the early followers of Jesus Christ were indeed transformed by the resurrection —that is unquestionable. Despite their limitations they were also able to sustain that transforming experience and translate it into their every day lives —that was nothing short of miraculous. The early Christians showed us how the Jesus movement grew and developed into a viable church. As they witnessed to the phenomenon of a growing church, they reminded us over and over again that the spirit of the risen Christ remained with them as their inspiration and driving force.

They fully embraced Jesus’ desire to give them more than they had expected. As Luke describes in the Acts of the Apostles, “*He presented himself alive to them... appearing to them during forty days... While meeting with them he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for ‘the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit’ ...‘you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.’*” (Acts 1:3 – 5, 8) So, that’s what they did after his ascension into heaven —they waited; they went back to the upper room to devote themselves to constant prayer. (Acts 1:14) They prayed for nine days before receiving the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the Festival of Pentecost.

That was the first novena which initiated the first evangelization —the proclamation of the gospel to the ends of the earth. It was by the power of the spirit that the proclamation reached the peoples of the world throughout the years. On May 9, 1897, Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical on the Holy Spirit *Divinum Illud Munus*, asked that every year, the whole church pray a novena to the Holy Spirit in the nine days leading up to Pentecost.

Here at Our Lady of La Salette parish we who embrace our longing for the holy recognize that our yearning for God is prompted by the Holy Spirit. We recognize that by the power of the Holy Spirit the news of what the first followers of Jesus Christ witnessed in Jerusalem is also a reality in our midst. So, we join the universal church and pray this novena mindful that the spirit is the first agent of evangelization calling us to bring the good news to all around us. The

Church has not written any official prayers for the novena. We take elements of our tradition and our liturgy to urge *“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.”*

THE NOVENA

The novena can be prayed at home individually or as a family, or in the parish before or after Mass or any other parochial gatherings beginning on Friday May 15 and concluding on Saturday, May 23.

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The Opening Hymn
The Opening Prayer
The Reading of Scripture
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Opening prayer for every day of the novena

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And you shall renew the face of the earth.
O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
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Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Closing Invocation for every day of the novena (Invocation of the Holy Spirit by Saint John XXIII)

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On the faithful, who adore.
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Acts 5:30 — 32

The God of our fathers has raised up Jesus whom you put to death, hanging him on a tree. He whom God has exalted at his right hand as ruler and savior is to bring repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. We testify to this. So too does the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those that obey him.

Sacred Silence

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Intercessions

All praise and glory to Christ who promised that the power of the Holy Spirit would come down on the apostles. So, we cry out: *“Send forth your light and your truth.”*

Jesus, word of truth, wisdom and splendor of the Father, send forth your light and your truth, —that our words and deeds today may bear witness to you before all our brothers and sisters. *“Send forth your light and your truth.”*

Jesus, word of truth, wisdom and splendor of the Father, helps us understand and savor the things of the Spirit, —so as not to fall into sin but enter into life and peace. *“Send forth your light and your truth.”*

Jesus, word of truth, wisdom and splendor of the Father, grant that your Spirit help us in our weakness, —that we may know how to pray as we ought. *“Send forth your light and your truth.”*

Jesus, word of truth, wisdom and splendor of the Father, fill us with love and all knowledge, –that we may instruct and correct one another. *“Send forth your light and your truth.”*

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
as it is 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. Amen.

O God, who restore us to eternal life
in the resurrection of Christ,
raise us up, we pray, to the author of our salvation,
who is seated at your right hand,
so that, when our Savior comes again in majesty,
those you have given new birth in Baptism
may be clothed with blessed immortality.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
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Acts 10:40 — 43

God raised up Jesus on the third day and granted that he be seen, not by all, but only by such witnesses as had been chosen beforehand by God—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and to bear witness that he is the one set apart by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets testify, saying that everyone who believes in him has forgiveness of sins through his name.

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Christ ascended into heaven to send the Holy Spirit on the apostles. Let us join with one voice in praising him, and say: *“Send us your Spirit, Lord.”*

Lord Jesus, you ascended into heaven; send us the promise of the Father, — that we may be clothed with power from on high. *“Send us your Spirit, Lord.”*

Your disciples were to be as wise as serpents and as simple as doves, — through your Spirit teach us prudence and simplicity. *“Send us your Spirit, Lord.”*

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; pray for us as our Priest, — and pray in us as our Head. *“Send us your Spirit, Lord.”*

Grant that in every trial we may suffer with you, – and so be glorified with you. “*Send us your Spirit, Lord.*”

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Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
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and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
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O God, whose Son, at his Ascension to the heavens,
was pleased to promise the Holy Spirit to the Apostles,
grant, we pray,
that, just as they received many fold gifts of heavenly teaching,
so on us, too, you may bestow spiritual gifts.
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We do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself prays for us with inexpressible longing. Let us then say: *“May the Holy Spirit pray on our behalf.”*

Lord Jesus, shepherd in glory, give wisdom and counsel to our shepherds, – to lead your flock more surely to salvation. *“May the Holy Spirit pray on our behalf.”*

You are exalted in heaven, and are rich in mercy, – look with compassion on the poor and needy on earth. *“May the Holy Spirit pray on our behalf.”*

You were conceived by the Virgin Mary by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, – sustain those vowed to virginity in the spirit of their self-offering. *“May the Holy Spirit pray on our behalf.”*

You are our priest, offering praise to the Father in the Holy Spirit, – unite all mankind in your sacrifice of praise. *“May the Holy Spirit pray on our behalf.”*

May the dead enter into the glorious freedom of God's children, – and the fullness of redemption for their bodies. *“May the Holy Spirit pray on our behalf.”*

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Graciously hear our supplications,
O Lord, so that we,
who believe that the Savior of the human race
is with you in your glory,
may experience, as he promised,
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Romans 8:14-17

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. You did not receive a spirit of slavery leading you back into fear, but a spirit of adoption through whom we cry out, "Abba!" (that is, "Father"). The Spirit himself gives witness with our spirit that we are children of God. But if we are children, we are heirs as well: heirs of God, heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so as to be glorified with him.

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Let us give thanks to Christ, who filled the apostles and the whole Church with the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In union with all the faithful, let us cry out: *"Lord, send your consoling Spirit into your Church."*

Lord Jesus, mediator between God and men, you chose priests to share your work, — through them may all rise with you to the Father. *"Lord, send your consoling Spirit into your Church."*

Grant that rich and poor may meet in friendship, for you are the God of both, — do not let the rich make riches their god. *"Lord, send your consoling Spirit into your Church."*

Make your Gospel known to all peoples, — that all may come to obey you in faith. *"Lord, send your consoling Spirit into your Church."*

Send forth your Spirit, gentlest of consolers, – to wipe away the tears of all who mourn.
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Purify the souls of the departed, – and receive them into the company of your saints
and chosen ones in heaven. *“Lord, send your consoling Spirit into your Church.”*

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that we may keep your will faithfully in mind
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The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in speech. He who searches hearts knows what the Spirit means, for the Spirit intercedes for the saints as God himself wills.

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Christ the Lord promised to send us from the Father their Holy Spirit. Let us give Christ glory and ask him: *“Lord Jesus, give us your Spirit.”*

Lord Jesus, may your word dwell in us in all its richness, —that we may thank you in psalms, hymns and spiritual canticles. *“Lord Jesus, give us your Spirit.”*

Through the Spirit you have made us children of God, —grant that through the Spirit we may join with you in always calling on God as Father. *“Lord Jesus, give us your Spirit.”*

Give us wisdom in our daily lives, —that we may do everything for God’s glory. *“Lord Jesus, give us your Spirit.”*

You are patient and full of compassion, —make us live peace with all humankind. *“Lord Jesus, give us your Spirit.”*

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Almighty God, you raised Christ to glory in heaven, – may all mankind recognize his presence in the Church. *“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

All-holy Father, you said of Christ: This is my beloved Son, hear him, – grant that all may hear his voice and be saved. *“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

Send your Spirit into the hearts of your faithful people, – as cleansing water and refreshing rain. *“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

Send your Spirit to guide the course of nature, – and renew life over the face of the earth. *“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

We commend to your care all who have died, – and ask you to strengthen our hope in the resurrection to come. *“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

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The Reading of Scripture

1 Corinthians 1:12 — 14

You must know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is within — the Spirit you have received from God. You are not your own. You have been purchased, and at a price. So glorify God in your body.

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Christ is God, blessed for ever. Let us ask him to send the Holy Spirit on all redeemed by his blood, as we say: *“Lord, look with favor on those you have redeemed.”*

Send into the Church the Spirit of unity, — to remove all dissension, hatred and division. *“Lord, look with favor on those you have redeemed.”*

You freed those possessed by devils, — free the world from the evils that afflict it. *“Lord, look with favor on those you have redeemed.”*

You prayed, and were led by the Spirit to begin your ministry — may priests find in prayer the guidance of the Spirit to perform their duties. *“Lord, look with favor on those you have redeemed.”*

May your Spirit guide all in authority, — to seek the common good. *“Lord, look with favor on those you have redeemed.”*

You live in the glory of the Father, — summon into your glory all the departed. *“Lord, look with favor on those you have redeemed.”*

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May your Spirit, O Lord, we pray,
imbue us powerfully with spiritual gifts,
that he may give us a mind pleasing to you
and graciously conform us to your will.
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Galatians 5:16, 22 — 23a, 25

Live in accord with the spirit and you will not yield to the cravings of the flesh. The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness, generosity, faith, mildness and chastity. Since we live by the spirit, let us follow the spirit's lead.

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Let us praise and thank the Father, who has poured out the grace of the Spirit on all peoples. Let us ask him for an ever greater share in his Spirit, saying: *"Lord, pour out the grace of the Holy Spirit throughout the world."*

Lord, you gave us your chosen One as the light of all peoples, — open the eyes of the blind, and lead from captivity those who sit in darkness. *"Lord, pour out the grace of the Holy Spirit throughout the world."*

You anointed Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit for the ministry of salvation, — may he once more go about the world, doing good and healing all. *"Lord, pour out the grace of the Holy Spirit throughout the world."*

Send your Spirit, the light of all hearts, — to strengthen the faith of those in doubt. *"Lord, pour out the grace of the Holy Spirit throughout the world."*

Send your Spirit, our rest in labor, – to support the weary and the broken-hearted.
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Fulfill the hope of those who have died, – so that they may rise again at the coming of Christ. *“Lord, pour out the grace of the Holy Spirit throughout the world.”*

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O God,
who by the glorification of your Christ,
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have unlocked for us the gates of eternity,
grant, we pray, that, partaking of so great a gift,
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Ephesians 4:3 — 6

Make every effort to preserve the unity which has the Spirit as its origin and peace as its binding force. There is but one body and one Spirit, just as there is but one hope given all of you by your call. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all, and works through all, and is in all.

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When the days of Pentecost were complete, God sent the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. As we celebrate this great feast with joy and faith, let us cry out: *“Send forth your Spirit and make the whole world new.”*

In the beginning you created heaven and earth, and in the fullness of time you renewed all things in Christ, – through your Spirit go on renewing the world with the gift of salvation. *“Send forth your Spirit and make the whole world new.”*

You breathed the breath of life into Adam, – send your Spirit into your Church to be its life and vigor, that it may bring new life to the whole world. *“Send forth your Spirit and make the whole world new.”*

By the light of your Spirit, enlighten the world and dispel the darkness of our times, – turn hatred into love, sorrow into joy and war into the peace we so desire. *“Send forth your Spirit and make the whole world new.”*

Water flowed from the side of Christ as the fountain of your Spirit, – may it flow over all the earth and bring forth goodness. *“Send forth your Spirit and make the whole world new.”*

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who willed the Paschal Mystery
to be encompassed as a sign in fifty days,
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the confusion of many tongues may be gathered
by heavenly grace into one great confession of your name.
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