

Saint George's Church

Aubrey Walk, W8



***T* aize Evening Prayer**

Saturday 6th June 2009; 17:30:

Prayers to the Holy Spirit



*We gather in silence. The opening song: no 94: Veni Sancte Spiritus
Song no 66: Our soul is waiting for God*

Meditation:

The Holy Spirit gives life to the people of God. This is challenging for us. The life to animate us as Christians is a power which is beyond our controlling. The picture of the tongues of fire, leaping around, is a good way of stressing that the Spirit is uncontrollable. The fire was not constrained within a grate, it was a fire which rendered the disciples powerless to control it. We do not like loosing control, we like to manage and legislate but the Holy Spirit is not to be controlled but to fill us and take us over. At Pentecost we remind ourselves that we must not be too busy, too tired, too poor, too spiritually apathetic —to face up to the task which God has called us to do. We must open ourselves to the Spirit of God to move us.

Period of silence. Then song no 93: Veni Lumen



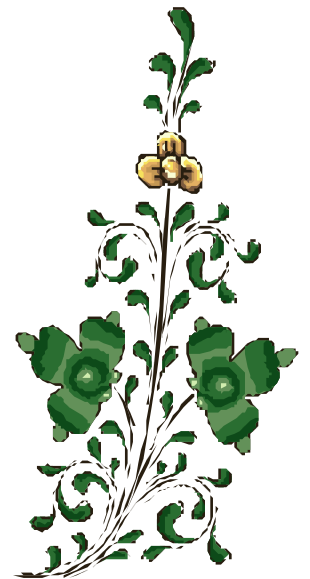
1st Prayer:

Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

**Christ Jesus,
before ascending into heaven,
You promised to send the Holy Spirit
to Your apostles and disciples.**

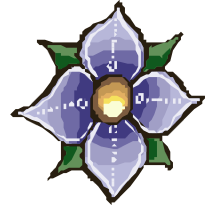
**Grant that the same Spirit
may perfect in our lives the work of Your grace and love.**

**Grant us the Spirit of Fear Of The Lord
that we may be filled with a loving reverence toward You.**



The Spirit of Piety
that we may find peace and fulfillment
in the service of God while serving others;

The Spirit of Fortitude
that we may bear our cross with You
and, with courage, overcome the obstacles
that interfere with our salvation;



Period of silence. Then song no 95: Venite exultemus Domino
2nd Prayer:

The Spirit of Knowledge
that we may know You and know ourselves
and grow in holiness;

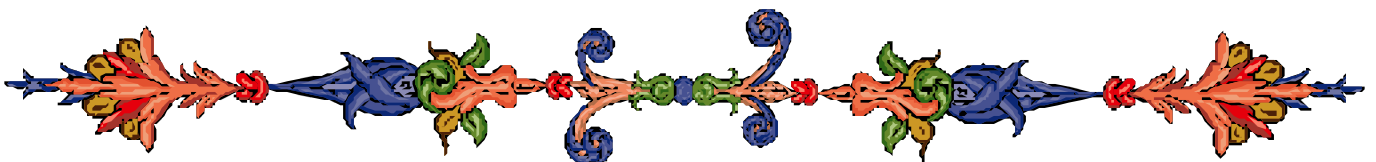
The Spirit of Understanding
to enlighten our minds
with the light of Your truth;

The Spirit of Counsel
that we may choose the surest way of doing Your will,
seeking first the Kingdom;

Grant us the Spirit of Wisdom
that we may aspire to the things that last forever;

Teach us to be Your faithful disciples
and animate us in every way with Your Spirit. Amen.

Period of silence. Then song no 31: Holy Spirit come to us



3^d Prayer:

An Orthodox Prayer to the Holy Spirit

**Glory to thee, O Lord, glory to thee!
Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth,
Who art everywhere present and filleth all things,
Treasury of all good and giver of life,
Come and dwell within us;
Cleanse us from all unrighteousness,
And of thy goodness, save our souls.**

*Period of silence. Then songs no 83: The Lord is my song
No 70: Sanctum Nomen Domini
No 87: This is the day*

***You can either stay for private adoration or depart in silence.
Please take this Service Booklet with you.***

