



*Pentecost vigil*  
*Waiting with Mary*

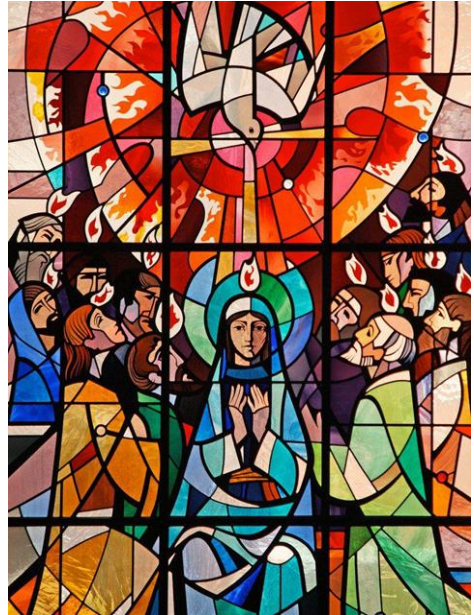


## INTRODUCTION

On this night, joyful reflection of the holy nights that illuminate the path of the Church, the night of the Lord's Birth, the night of his Passover, we have gathered to pray, to ask for the grace of a renewed Pentecost, to plead that the Spirit of Comfort and Strength, renew in the Church and in the world the grace that you offered to the disciples of Jesus when He descended on them fifty days after the victory of the Lord Jesus over death and sin.

With the experience of pain and uncertainty due to the pandemic that we are experiencing, and remembering to all women who are suffering in our world today, we proclaim life and hope in this celebration, because Jesus promised us his presence and the strength of the Divine Spirit who made life sprout in creation, who filled with life, the history of the holy people and who restores the hearts of all who suffer.

Let us live the signs of times with faith, united to the Mother of the Lord, let us welcome the Word and open our hearts to the grace of the Holy Spirit who fills his Church with his gifts.



Hymn: "VENI CREATOR"

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,  
and in our souls take up Thy rest;  
come with Thy grace and heavenly aid  
to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

O comforter, to Thee we cry,  
O heavenly gift of God Most High,  
O fount of life and fire of love,  
and sweet anointing from above.

Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are known;  
Thou, finger of God's hand we own;  
Thou, promise of the Father, Thou  
Who dost the tongue with power imbue.

Kindle our sense from above,  
and make our hearts o'erflow with love;  
with patience firm and virtue high  
the weakness of our flesh supply.

Far from us drive the foe we dread,  
and grant us Thy peace instead;  
so shall we not, with Thee for guide,  
turn from the path of life aside.

Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow  
the Father and the Son to know;  
and Thee, through endless times confessed,  
of both the eternal Spirit blest.

Now to the Father and the Son,  
Who rose from death, be glory given,  
with Thou, O Holy Comforter,  
henceforth by all in earth and heaven. Amen.

## Reading from the Acts of Apostles 2, 1-11

“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. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power”.

## Song

Leader: We take as a model the testimony of Mary of Nazareth, listener of the word, qualified believer, first disciple, humble protagonist, active follower, hopeful witness of God's liberating action over all humanity. Her witness helps us to review, update and celebrate a new Pentecost today:

## Docile woman

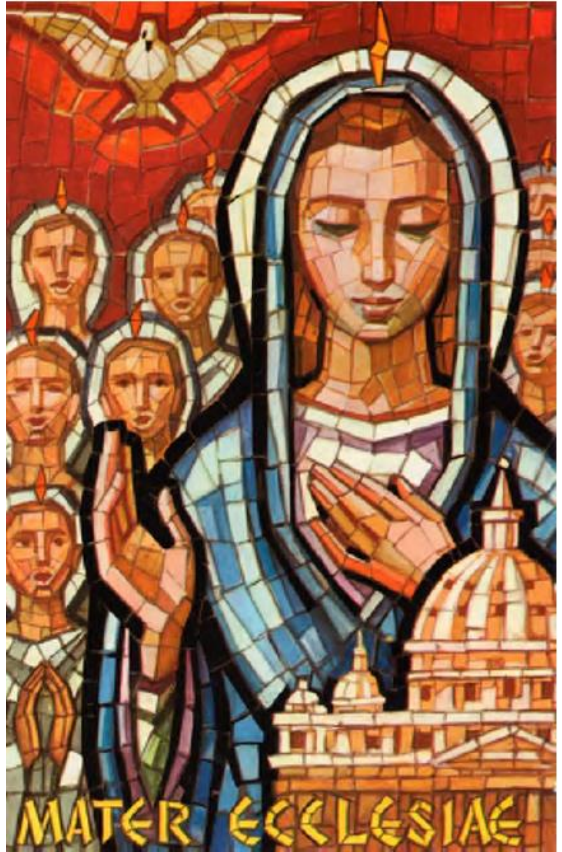
Perhaps this is the key to understanding all the mystery and the greatness of the mother of Jesus. To say yes to the Spirit, not once or twice ... but always. A permanent, updated, renewed and happy yes. “Open to God in the emptiness of her being and available for the service of the Kingdom, in the joyful acceptance of her condition as a servant, she is the Consecrated Woman, the faithful Virgin”.

## Woman of silence

Silence to interiorize, to fill the mind and heart with everything that comes from God, from his Presence and from his Word. Silence also to welcome everything that comes from the people, their deepest longings, sufferings and hopes. "She lovingly welcomed us, encouraged our first steps and opened us to the mission".

## Woman who listens

She listens the voice of the Spirit, to learn from Him, to know the way, to find the answers to know how to say, with all her soul: "Do whatever He tells you. "Mary, the humble woman, , available to the Lord's plan, teaches us that the strength of the Kingdom is not in power and wealth, but in the wonders that God does in the hearts of the simple".



## Woman of Hope

Hope, because she trusts in the Lord. She knows and loves the Lord. She leans on his promises. So much that from her heart comes out the following words as a song: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, He has used the power of his arm, he has routed the arrogant of heart, and raised high the lowly » . . . with the eagerness of the one that cannot keep silent about how much she loves the Lord and knows Him". Mary, Woman, The woman of hope that accompanies the people who are facing difficulties, who are suffering the consequences of the Pandemic.

Send your Gifts Lord to the heart of all humankind, to all the women who suffer:

## GIFT OF WISDOM

It is the gift of understanding what favors and what damages God's project. He strengthens our charity and prepares us for a full vision of God.

Jesus himself told us: "But when you are handed over, do not worry about how to speak or what to say; what you are to say will be given to you when the time comes, because it is not you who will be speaking; the Spirit of your Father will be speaking in you." (Mt 10, 19-20). The true wisdom brings the desire of God and his Word.

Accompany with your wisdom Lord the girls and women who are not allowed to go to school, study, or carry on a professional activity.

### Song

## GIFT OF UNDERSTANDING

It is the divine gift that enlightens us to accept the truths revealed by God. Through this gift, the Holy Spirit allows us to search the depths of God, communicating to our hearts a particular participation in divine knowledge, in the secrets of the world and in the intimacy of God himself. The Lord said: "I shall give them a heart to acknowledge that I am Yahweh.." (Jer 24,7).

May the gift of understanding reach to all women who do not want to have children, to all those who cannot have children and want them, to those who abandon or mistreat them.

### Song

## GIFT OF COUNSEL

It is the gift of knowing how to discern the paths and options, of knowing how to guide and listen. It is the light that the Spirit gives us to distinguish right and wrong, true and false. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus and gave him this gift in fullness, as Isaiah had prophesied: "His judgement will not be by appearances, his verdict not given on hearsay. He will judge the weak with integrity and give fair sentence for the humblest in the land." (Is 11, 3-4).

May your Counsel God enlighten the hearts of women who are abused, those who die victims of violence.

## Song

### GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE

It is the gift of the knowledge of God and not the knowledge of the world. Through this gift the Holy Spirit reveals to us the mind of God about us, because “nobody knows the qualities of God except the Spirit of God .” (1Co 2, 11). «After saying this he breathed on them and said: Receive the Holy Spirit.». Jn 20,22

May the gift of Science guide the minds and hearts of women who, living in extreme poverty, struggle and seek the means to come up, those who want to be protagonists of the development of their countries, societies but they are not allowed and are killed.

## Song

### GIFT OF PIETY

It is the gift that the Holy Spirit gives us to be always open to the will of God, always seeking to act as Jesus would act. If God lives his covenant with the man in such enveloping way, the man, in return, also feels invited to be merciful to everyone. In the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians he wrote: “Now in regard to spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you be unaware. You know how, when you were pagans, you were constantly attracted and led away to mute idols. Therefore, I tell you that nobody speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be accursed”. And no one can say, “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.” (1Cor. 12, 1-3).

May the gift of Piety enlighten women leaders who, seeking the good, defending life and family, know how to discern what comes from God and what doesn't come, leading with righteousness and fidelity on the way that leads to an authentic knowledge of the Truth, being witnesses of your Kingdom.

## Song

## GIFT OF FORTITUDE

This is the gift that makes us brave to face the difficulties of the day-to-day Christian life. Faith makes us strong and heroic. Let us remember the courage of the martyrs. It gives us perseverance and firmness in our decisions.

Those who have this gift do not run away from threats and persecution because they have placed their trust in the Father unconditionally.

The Book of Revelation says: "Do not be afraid of anything that you are going to suffer. Indeed, the devil will throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will face an ordeal for ten days. Remain faithful until death, and I Will give you the crown of life." (Rev. 2,10).

May the gift of fortitude, Lord, assist women who, in solitude, ignored, misunderstood and sometimes abused, strive to support their family, their children ...

### Song

## GIFT OF FEAR OF THE LORD

This gift keeps us in due respect before God and in acceptance to his will, separating us from everything that may displease him.

Therefore, Jesus was always careful to fulfill of the Father in everything, as Isaiah had prophesied: "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord." (Is 11,2).

May your presence Lord, your holy fear, always live on in the hearts of women who suffer from incurable or painful diseases, feel abandoned by the science and their families.





## PENTECOST SEQUENCE

Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
And from your celestial home  
Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor!  
Come, source of all our store!  
Come, within our bosoms shine.  
You, of comforters the best;  
You, the soul's most welcome guest;  
Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet;  
Grateful coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,  
Shine within these hearts of yours,  
And our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught,  
Nothing good in deed or thought,  
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour your dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore  
And confess you, evermore  
In your sevenfold gift descend;

Give them virtue's sure reward;  
Give them your salvation, Lord;  
Give them joys that never end.  
Amen. Alleluia.



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