



The Church on fire

Spirit-filled disciples

Acts 2: 1 - 12
5th June 2022



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Welcome and notices

- Platinum Jubilee Party from 3pm today will now be at the Church, due to the weather.
- Funeral of Lee Butt will take place here on Tuesday at 1.30pm.

- Christianity Explored continues on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm
- Arts Festival volunteers needed. Please sign up to help.

Call to worship

God declares: “I will pour out my Spirit on all people”

“and everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved”

(Acts 2:17, 21).



Opening prayer, confession and pardon

Lord and Saviour, Redeemer and
King, we worship you on this day of
celebration, where we celebrate
both the Platinum Jubilee of Her
Majesty Queen Elizabeth and

celebrate the outpouring of your Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Accept our praises as an offering of worship, as we bring our thankfulness to you for giving us a great monarch and an even greater



gift – your Holy Spirit. Forgive us,
Lord, for the times we fail to
celebrate your goodness to us, and
fail to recognise your wonderful
gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord accepts all those who come to him seeking forgiveness for their sins. In faith and love accept his gracious word to you today. He says, “Your sins are forgiven.”
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Songs/Hymns

- O GOD OF BURNING,
CLEANSING FLAME, SEND THE
FIRE!
- HOLY SPIRIT, WE WELCOME
YOU.

Your blood-bought gift today we
claim

Send the fire today!

Look down and see this waiting host,
And send the promised Holy Ghost;
We need another Pentecost!

Send the fire today!
Send the fire today!



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God of Elijah, hear our cry: Send
the fire!

And make us fit to live or die:
Send the fire today!

To burn up every trace of sin,
To bring the light and glory in,
The revolution now begin!

Send the fire today!
Send the fire today!



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It's fire we want, for fire we plead:
Send the fire!

The fire will meet our every need
Send the fire today!

For strength to always do what's
right,

For grace to conquer in the fight,

For grace to conquer in the fight,
For power to walk the world in
white

Send the fire today!

Send the fire today!



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To make our weak hearts strong
and brave: Send the fire!

To live, a dying world to save
Send the fire today!

Oh, see us on Your altar lay,
We give our lives to you today,
So crown the offering now we

So crown the offering now we pray
Send the fire today!
Send the fire today!
Send the fire today!



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**Holy Spirit,
we welcome You,
Holy Spirit,
we welcome You!
Move among us
with holy fire
As we lay aside all
earthly desire,**



**Hands reach out and
our hearts aspire.
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Holy Spirit,
we welcome You!**



**Holy Spirit,
we welcome You,
Holy Spirit,
we welcome You!**

**Let the breeze of Your
presence blow
That Your children here
might truly know**



**How to move in the
Spirit's flow.
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Holy Spirit,
we welcome You!**

**Holy Spirit,
we welcome You,
Holy Spirit,
we welcome You!
Please accomplish in
us today
Some new work of
loving grace, we pray -**



**Unreservedly - have
Your way.
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Holy Spirit,
we welcome You!**

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Offertory and offertory song

- There must be more than this



**There must be more
than this:**

**O Breath of God,
come breathe within.**

**There must be more
than this:**

**Spirit of God,
we wait for You.**

A white dove is shown in flight, its wings spread wide, flying towards the right. The background is a soft, out-of-focus sky with warm, golden-yellow and light blue clouds. The dove's body is white, and its wings show some darker feather details.

**Fill us anew, we pray;
Fill us anew, we pray.**

**Consuming fire,
fan into flame
A passion for Your name.
Spirit of God,
fall in this place.
Lord, have Your way,
Lord, have Your way
with us.**

**Come like
a rushing wind,
Clothe us with power
from on high.**

**Now set
the captives free;
Leave us abandoned
to Your praise.**



**Lord, let Your glory fall;
Lord, let Your glory fall.**

**Consuming fire,
fan into flame
A passion for Your name.
Spirit of God,
fall in this place.
Lord, have Your way,
Lord, have Your way
with us.**

Offertory prayer

Lord, we offer you the gifts of our money, our time and our energy for your kingdom's sake. Bless now these gifts and ourselves for the honour of your holy name. **Amen.**



Introduction to theme

- **Jubilee and Pentecost**
- **Jubilee** – rest for all
- **Pentecost** – Jewish festival for the first crop

Acts 2: 1 - 12

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.



3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.



5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

7 Utterly amazed, they asked:
'Aren't all these who are speaking
Galileans? 8 Then how is it that
each of us hears them in our native
language? 9 Parthians, Medes and
Elamites; residents of
Mesopotamia, Judea and

Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10
Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and
the parts of Libya near Cyrene;
visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews
and converts to Judaism); Cretans
and Arabs – we hear them declaring



the wonders of God in our own
tongues!’ 12 Amazed and
perplexed, they asked one another,
‘What does this mean?’

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



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Table time

- Make Pentecost crowns
- Either take a copy of the reflection for today and discuss it
- Discuss the questions

The Lord's prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be
done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.



**Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

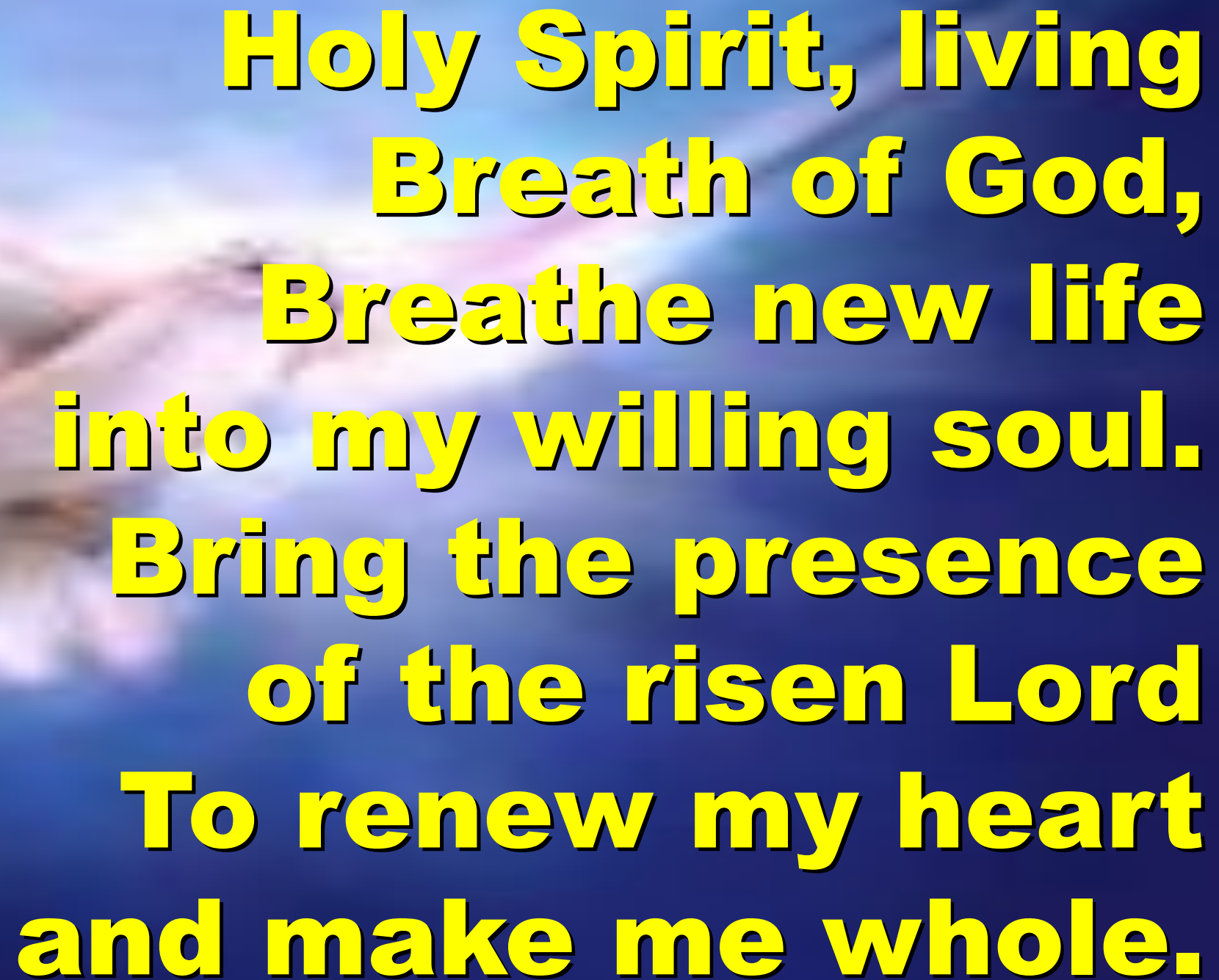
**For the kingdom, the power, and
the glory are yours now and for
ever. Amen.**



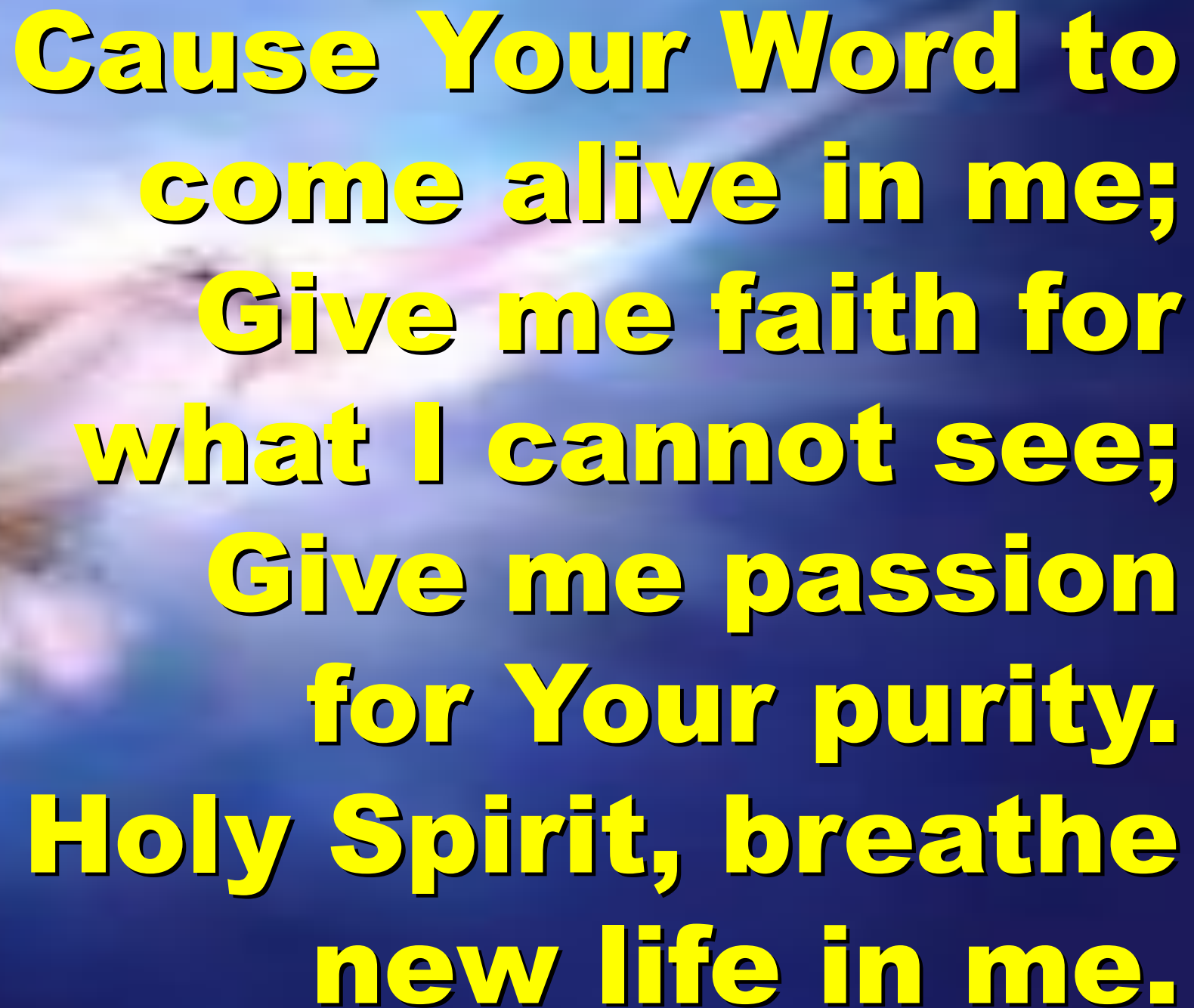
Holy Spirit,
living breath
of God



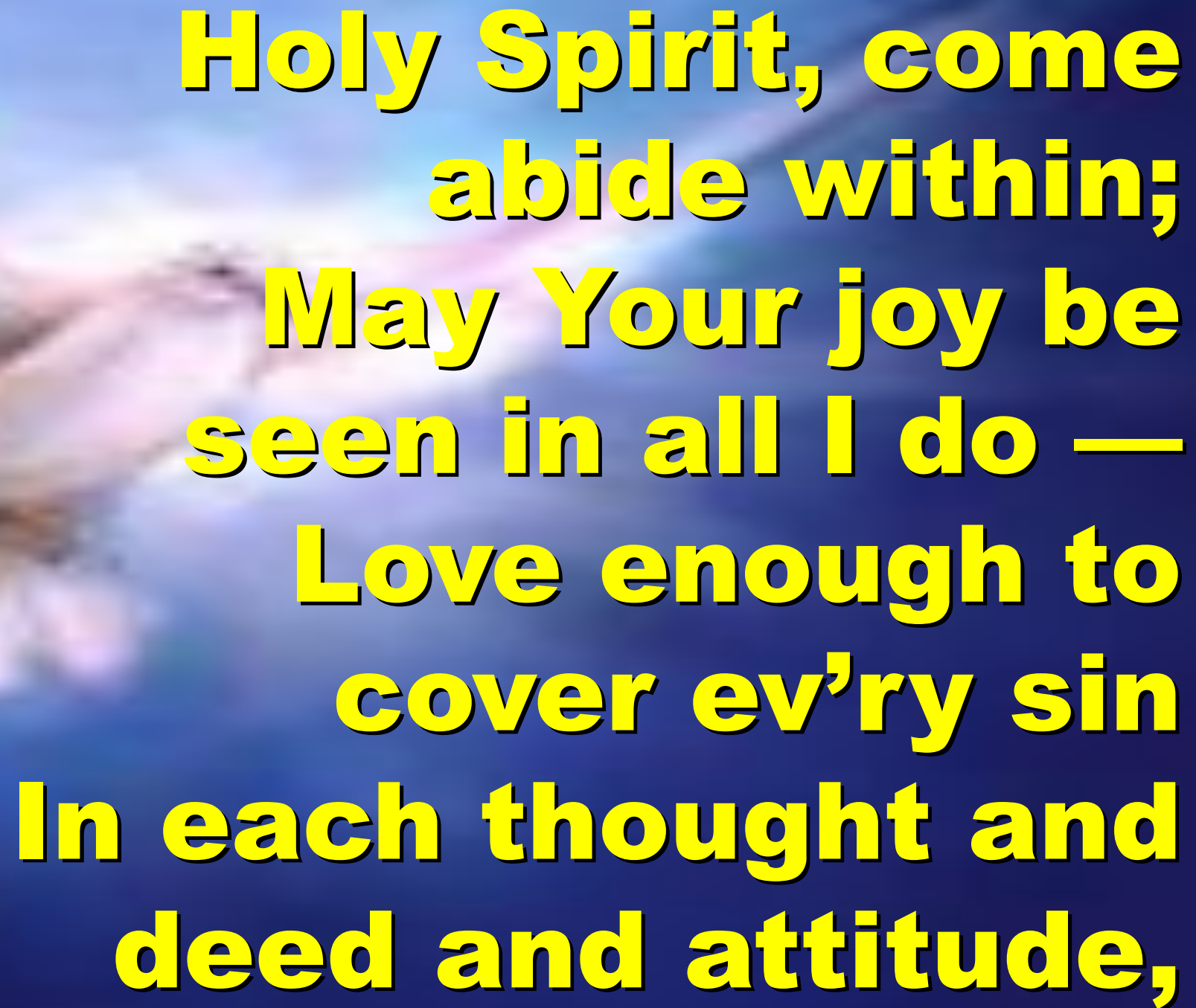
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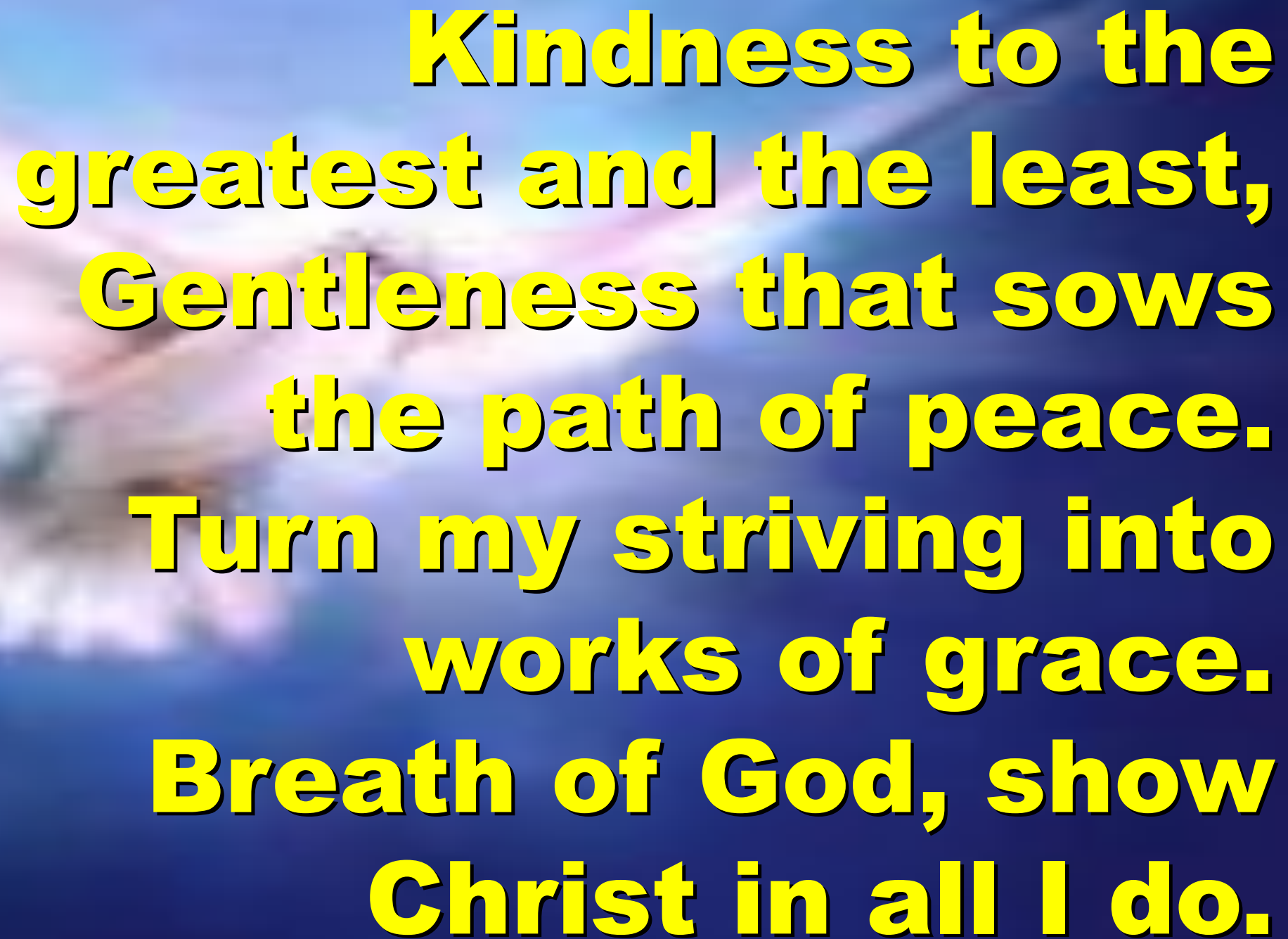
**Holy Spirit, living
Breath of God,
Breathe new life
into my willing soul.
Bring the presence
of the risen Lord
To renew my heart
and make me whole.**



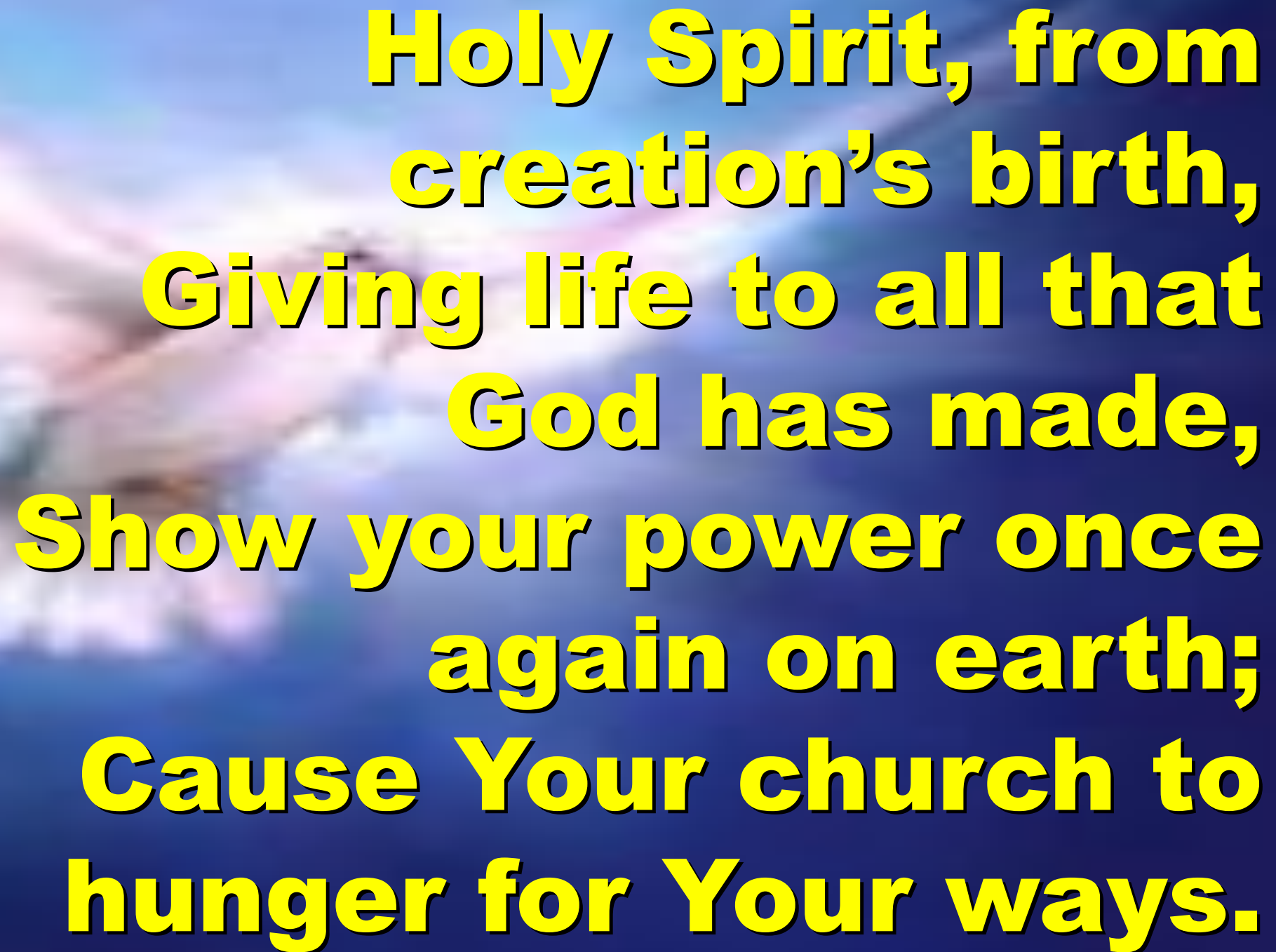
**Cause Your Word to
come alive in me;
Give me faith for
what I cannot see;
Give me passion
for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe
new life in me.**

A dove is shown in flight, its wings spread wide, against a bright blue sky with soft, white clouds. The dove is positioned on the left side of the frame, facing right. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image, set against a dark blue background.

**Holy Spirit, come
abide within;
May Your joy be
seen in all I do —
Love enough to
cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and
deed and attitude,**



**Kindness to the
greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows
the path of peace.
Turn my striving into
works of grace.
Breath of God, show
Christ in all I do.**



**Holy Spirit, from
creation's birth,
Giving life to all that
God has made,
Show your power once
again on earth;
Cause Your church to
hunger for Your ways.**



**Let the fragrance
of our prayers arise.**

**Lead us on the
road of sacrifice**

**That in unity
the face of Christ**

**Will be clear for
all the world to see.**

Closing prayer and blessing

Loving God, you gave us the gift of your Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Now fill us with your Spirit and guide us by your Spirit as we go from here to proclaim Jesus in all we say and do; for your glory's sake. **Amen.**



And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.



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