

ENGULFED AND EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

A Lord's Flock Worship Service Topic

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After Jesus' resurrection (and before His Ascension), He promised to send the Holy Spirit, a Paraclete, who was also a source of courage and wisdom, to engulf and to empower them to fulfill the mission of evangelization.



1. The Descent of the Holy Spirit

1.1. Jesus vowed to send what the Father had promised, with instructions given to the apostles to stay in the city "until the Holy Spirit comes" (Lk. 24:19; Jn. 14:26).

1.2. Mary, the mother of Jesus, reminded the apostles to be filled with humility so that the Holy Spirit would come and dwell in them.

1.3. Today, the Holy Spirit is being received and experienced through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, and the Spirit Empowerment Seminar (SES) for TLF members.

2. Receiving the Power of the Holy Spirit

2.1. The followers of Jesus will receive power from the Holy Spirit to become His witnesses. This power would equip them to share the gospel message in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

2.2. The Holy Spirit provided them the authority to happen what was desired, in accordance with God's will.

3. The Marvel of the Descent of the Holy Spirit

3.1. It appeared as flames or tongues of fire manifested and settled on each of the apostle.

Everyone was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability (Acts 2: 3-4).

3.2. The Church was established; at least 3000 believers were baptized as members of the Church.

3.3. At present, the experience of empowerment allows a Christian to be a true child of God.

4. The Essence of Church, as the Flock

4.1. We are called to live in harmony and unity in The Lord's Flock Community, with individual roles to fulfill (Rom. 12:16).

4.2. With God as the Source, we are challenged and inspired to find our gift – desires, skills, talents, passion to give back to the community and the assembly.

4.3. It is in the Church that the work of God is revealed.

5. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

5.1. The gift of love delights in bringing joy to others.

5.2. The gift of joy is experienced in the Church and in the TLF community.

5.3. The Flock will still be fed through the Eucharist, and our mission is to serve as Jesus's co-feeders.

Conclusion:

We are all children of God. In humility, let us be engulfed by the Holy Spirit, that we be empowered to carry on with our task as members of the Living Church.

Reflection:

1. How do you apply the gifts of the Holy Spirit in your life?
2. When do you call on the Holy Spirit in your daily life?

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