

To Live with the Spirit

Reflection for Week of May 25, 2020

As we move toward Pentecost, let us open ourselves to what it means to live in the mystery of the Spirit, attentive to the Spirit's promptings.

Suggested Music: [Veni, Sancte Spiritus – Taize](#) (click here)

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To live with the Spirit of God is to be a listener.
It is to keep the vigil of mystery,
earthless and still.
One leans to catch the stirring of the Spirit,
strange as the wind's will.

The soul that walks where the wind of the Spirit blows
turns like a wandering weather-vane toward love.
It may lament like Job or Jeremiah,
echo the wounded hart, the mateless dove.
It may rejoice in spaciousness of meadow
that emulates the freedom of the sky.

Always it walks in waylessness, unknowing;
it has cast down forever from its hand
the compass of the whither and the why.

To live with the Spirit of God is to be a lover.
It is becoming love, and like to Him
toward Whom we strain with metaphors of creatures:
fire-sweep and water-rush and the wind's whim.
The soul is all activity, all silence;
and though it surges Godward to its goal,
it holds, as moving earth holds sleeping noonday,
the peace that is the listening of the soul.

-- *Sister Miriam of the Holy Spirit, OCD* (Jessica Powers)

For Your Reflection:

Our call in these times includes working to see the deeper invitation that the pandemic is providing. How might we be conscious of the transformation occurring within ourselves, our communities, the nation, and the global community as we live through this time?



How is it for you to walk in the waylessness and unknowing of these times? Of what do you need to let go in order to "keep the vigil of mystery"?

How might the changes in your life that have occurred since the onset of the pandemic be enabling you to better "become love"?



As the Scriptures say,
No eye has ever seen and no ear has ever heard
and it has never occurred to the human heart
All the things God prepared for those who love God.

God has shown us these profound and startling realities through the Spirit.
The Spirit searches all things, even the deep mysteries of God.

A person who walks by the Spirit examines everything, sizing it up and seeking out truth.

-- Corinthians 1: 9-10, 15 (Source: The Voice)

Concluding Prayer

May we go forward walking with the Spirit, eager to explore the deep mysteries of God which no eye has ever seen and no ear has ever heard -- yet still invite us to become love. Amen.