

Livingstone Parish Church
Sunday 19th May 2024
Rev. John Carrick

Hymn 1 CH4 594

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Inflame our souls with love,
transforming every heart and home
with wisdom from above.
Let none of us despise
the humble path Christ trod,
but choose, to shame the worldly wise,
the foolishness of God.

All-knowing Spirit, prove
the poverty of pride,
by knowledge of the Father's love
in Jesus crucified.
And grant us faith to know
the glory of that sign,
and in our very lives to show
the marks of love divine.

Come with the gift to heal
the wounds of guilt and fear,
and to oppression's face reveal
the kingdom drawing near.
Where chaos longs to reign,
descend, O holy Dove,
and free us all to work again
the miracles of love.

Spirit of truth, arise;
inspire the prophet's voice:
expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,
and bid the poor rejoice.
O Spirit, clear our sight,
all prejudice remove,
and help us to discern the right,
and covet only love.

Give us the tongues to speak
the word of love and grace
to rich and poor, to strong and weak,
in every time and place.
Enable us to hear

the words that others bring,
interpreting with open ear
the special song they sing.

Come, Holy Spirit, dance
within our hearts today,
our earth bound spirits to entrance,
our mortal fears allay.
And teach us to desire,
all other things above,
that self-consuming holy fire,
the perfect gift of love.

Michael Forster (*b.* 1946)

Hymn 2 CH4 771 (*Sing 3 Times*)

If you believe and I believe
and we together pray,
the Holy Spirit shall come down
and set God's people free,
and set God's people free,
and set God's people free,
the Holy Spirit shall come down
and set God's people free.

Zimbabwean traditional song
based on *Matthew 18: 19*

Hymn 3 CH4 600

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove,
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love.

You spoke to us long, long ago,
gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth,
through it God's voice is heard.
Spirit of God...

Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your
strength,
following Christ each day.
Spirit of God...

Margaret V. Old (1932-2001)

Hymn 4 CH4 608

Spirit of truth and grace,

come to us in this place
as now in Jesus' name God's people
gather.
Open our eyes to see
truths that will ever be,
and in communion draw us close together.

Spirit of joy and peace,
make all anxieties cease
with knowledge of the Father's perfect
caring.

Then may God's children know
love that won't let us go
and joy that fills each day,
beyond comparing.

Spirit of life and power,
revive us in this hour
and stir our hearts to praise with true
devotion.

Fill us with heavenly fire,
and every heart inspire,
that we may serve the world with your
compassion.

Iain D. Cunningham (*b.* 1954)

Hymn 5 CH4 622

We sing a love that sets all people free,

that blows like wind, that burns like
scorching flame,
enfolds the earth, springs up like water
clear:
come, living love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love that seeks another's good,
that longs to serve and not to count the
cost,
a love that, yielding, finds itself made new:
come, caring love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid
to be itself, despite another's wrath,
a love that stands alone and undismayed:
come, strengthening love, live in our hearts
today.

We sing a love, that, wandering, will not
rest
until it finds its way, its home, its source,
through joy and sadness pressing on
refreshed:
come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.

We sing the Holy Spirit, full of love,
who seeks out scars of ancient bitterness,
brings to our wounds the healing grace of
Christ:
come, radiant love, live in our hearts
today.

June Boyce-Tillman (*b.* 1943)

Exeunt (*Sing Twice*)

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,

wherever He may send you.
May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.
May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you.
May He bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.

(Celtic Daily Prayer)

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