

Setting

Begin with dim lighting and the paschal candle (or a large candle) centrally placed. Have 7 candles available for the *Prayer for the Gifts of the Spirit*.

Musical Selections

Envía Tu Espíritu, Bob Hurd, OCP

Whom Shall I Send, DUNDEDIN LM, Fred Pratt Green, Hope Publishing, Vernon Griffiths, Faber Music, WLP

Bring Forth the Kingdom, Marty Haugen, GIA

Church of God, Margaret Daly, ICEL, WLP

Jesus, Come to Us, David Haas, OCP

Go Make of All Disciples, ELLACOMBE, Leon Adkins, Abingdon Press, GIA, WLP

Reflection

Focus on what it means to be “baptized in the Spirit.”
How does the Spirit help us live out our baptism?

Prayer for the Gifts of the Spirit

Light a candle with each prayer. You may wish to ask seven people to carry up/or light each candle and/or say the accompanying prayer.

Closing Prayer

You may want to provide the *Vocation Prayer* (see packet) for everyone or have leader pray the prayer or something similar.

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Prayer Service

Call to Prayer

Leader: Baptized in the Spirit
All: We are called to be a covenant of the people.

Leader: God's Chosen Ones, holy and beloved,
All: We are servants of justice and peace.

Leader: Come, let us praise God!
All: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Opening Song

Opening Prayer: *Thanksgiving for the Light*

O Radiant God, we give you thanks and praise, for "the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." (Is. 9) Through all ages you guide your people by your light on the path that leads to life. Baptized in the Spirit with Jesus we become a light to the nations. All glory and honor be yours now and forever. Amen.

Reading Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7

Psalm Response Psalm 27 (sung or spoken)

Alleluia (Sung)

Gospel Luke 3:15, 21-22

Reflection

Prayer for Gifts of the Spirit (see next page.)

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Peace

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Concluding Song

Prayer for Gifts of the Spirit (with candle lighting)

Leader: Come, Spirit of Wisdom, dwell in us.
Reveal to us the inner journey of love.
All: Spirit of Wisdom, come guide us.

Leader: Come, Spirit of Understanding, be with us as
we seek to live in peace with patience.
All: Spirit of Understanding, come open us.

Leader: Come, Spirit of Counsel, help all who are making
important decisions. Guide them in their discernment.
All: Spirit of Counsel, come teach us your ways.

Leader: Come, Spirit of Courage, be our strength as we face
the challenges of life where injustice prevails.
All: Spirit of Courage, come strengthen us.

Leader: Come, Spirit of Knowledge, be light for us.
Open our minds that we might see your vision.
All: Spirit of Knowledge, come shine in us.

Leader: Come, Spirit of Wonder, be the joy of our soul.
Encircle us with your beauty and give us thankful hearts.
All: Spirit of Wonder, come delight us with joy.

Leader: Come, Spirit of Reverence, deepen our relationship with
you. May we never be separated from your love and
goodness.
All: Come, Spirit of Reverence, come keep us close