

Session Three

## God The Holy Spirit:

Being 'fully alive' with the gifts of the Spirit.

## Session 3: The Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost.

### The Holy Spirit in the Hebrew Scriptures

Creation: The Spirit hovering over the waters... bringing order out of chaos... There is a special Hebrew word for Spirit...

**ruach**  
רוח

Ruach is described as a wind, but also as spirit, And then, in Job it is translated as breath (12:10).

*Genesis 1:2 "a wind from God sweeping over the water" [7]*

*1 Samuel 16:13 "and the spirit of the LORD gripped David from that day on."*

*Psalm 143:10 "Let Your gracious spirit lead me on level ground."*

*Isaiah 42:1 "Behold My servant, I will support him, My chosen one, whom My soul desires; I have placed My spirit upon him, he shall promulgate justice to the nations."*

*Isaiah 44:3 "So will I pour My spirit on your offspring, My blessing upon your posterity."*

*Joel 2:28 "I will pour out My spirit on all flesh; Your sons and daughters shall prophesy."*

**Breath of God:**



Second story of the creation of Adam...



Prophecy and  
Inspiration

## Spirit takes possession...Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Samson, Saul, David, Elisha...

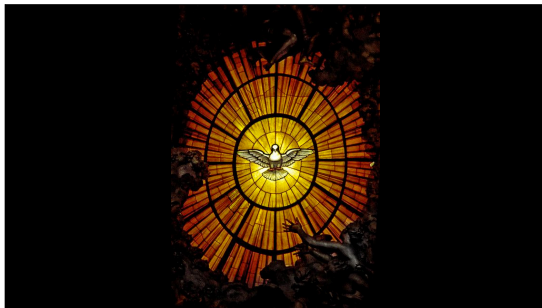
In Numbers 11:24-30: So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

And in Ezekiel 37:1-14, we read of a vision of a Valley filled with Dry Bones...



Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.



In the Talmud, the Spirit hovering over the waters of creation is described as a dove, and this image appears a number of times in the New Testament and in the tradition of the early church...

The Holy Spirit in the  
New Testament

Overshadowing... (Genesis 'hovering over  
creation'....hovering...overshadowing...  
annunciation...baptism of Jesus...transfiguration  
NEXT: Annunciation...



Annunciation - Uffizi Gallery, Florence originally in the  
Cathedral of Sienna



Museum del Prado in Madrid...Fra Angelico



Museum del Prado in Madrid...Fra Angelico...but I think nothing gets across the idea of overshadowing as this next image by John Giuliani...



Lakota Annunciation by John Giuliani ...

This overshadowing is significant in the Baptism of Jesus...



Luke:3:21-22

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the idea of prophecy and inspired utterance continues in the New Testament:

2 Peter 1:21 "because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."

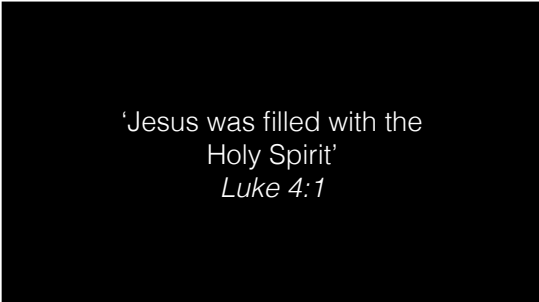
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**Life**

Water - creation - life (Genesis 'hovering over creation'....hovering...overshadowing...  
annunciation...baptism of Jesus...transfiguration)

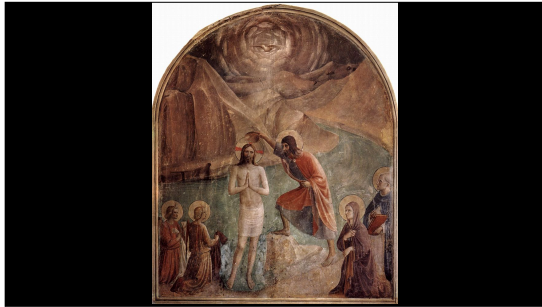
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'Jesus was filled with the  
Holy Spirit'  
*Luke 4:1*

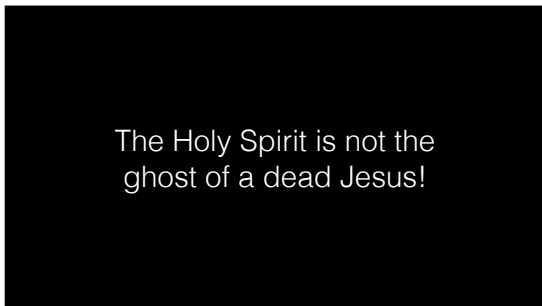


Left panel of the Chantry Chapel Altarpiece.



Fr Angelico or his school - Convent of San Marco,  
Venice

NEXT...But this Holy Spirit is not the ghost of a dead  
Jesus!



Next - GIFT of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is  
promised as a gift

gift of faith

belief in Jesus NEXT - PARACLETE (ADVOCATE) -  
Counsellor



Jesus breathed on them "receive the Holy Spirit"

Advocate - Comforter  
*Paraclete*  
*παράκλητος*

From Greek *paraklētos* 'called in aid', from *para-*  
'alongside' + *klētos* (from *kalein* 'to call').

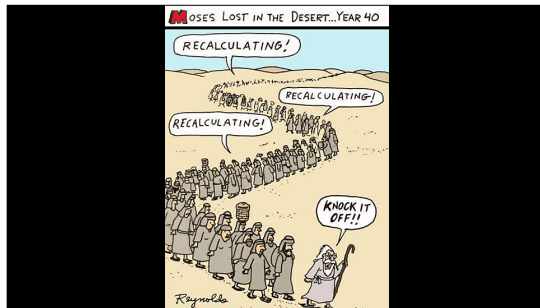
And when was this gift given to the followers of Jesus?

Pentecost  
***Shavuot***

**Shavuot - the Gift of weeks - originally a Harvest  
Festival held seven weeks and one day after  
Passover, later also came to commemorate the**

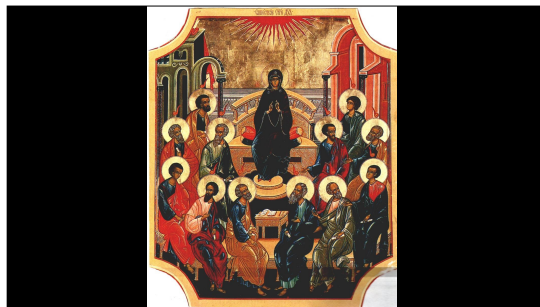
## giving of the Law on Mnt Sinai

It commemorates the 40 years of Jewish wandering in the desert after the giving of the Torah atop Mt. Sinai.



**NEXT The Spirit helps us to pray**

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us to pray



**Orthodox Icon**

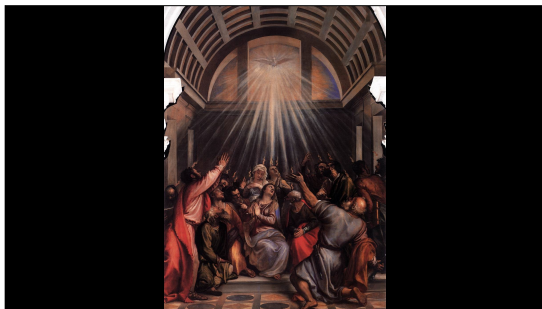




**Duccio de Buoninsegna (1308)**



**Early English Missal - around 1310**



**Titian**



**Jean Restout 1732**



Fra Angelico Did you notice...**MARY**...Acts of the Apostles

**NEXT - the SACRAMENTS..**

The Spirit and the Sacraments

Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination.....**OIL of CHRISM..**

**Christening**...Eucharist

The Church is united in the Spirit...(FRUITS of the Church living in the Spirit)

*Epiclesis*  
*ἐπίκλησις*

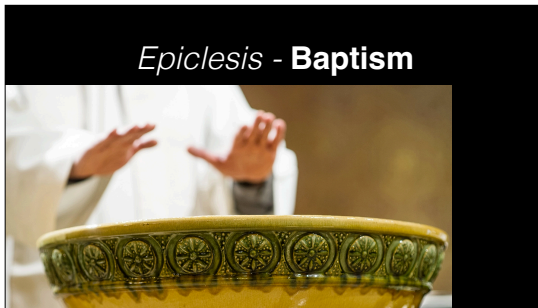
Epiclesis - from the Greek word 'to invoke' or 'call upon'

Water of Baptism, Candidate for Confirmation,

Ordination.....**OIL of CHRISM..**

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We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.  
Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.  
Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage  
in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus  
received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy  
Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death  
and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are  
buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his  
resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.  
Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his  
fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in  
the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

## *Epiclesis* - **Baptism**



Now sanctify this water,  
we pray you,  
by the power of your  
Holy Spirit,

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. (comment on Book of Genesis)

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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## *Epiclesis* - **Confirmation**



Now sanctify this water,  
we pray you,  
by the power of your  
Holy Spirit,

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## *Epiclesis* - **Confirmation**



Strengthen, O Lord,  
your servant  
with your Holy Spirit;

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. Amen.

## *Epiclesis* - Ordination



*Veni Creator Spiritus:  
Come Holy Ghost  
our souls inspire...*

Just before the ordination prayer, this hymn is sung at the ordination of priests and bishops:  
Veni Creator Spiritus - Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire

## *Epiclesis* - Ordination



God and Father of all, we praise you for your infinite love in calling us to be a holy people in the kingdom of your Son Jesus our Lord, who is the image of your eternal and invisible glory, the firstborn among many brethren, and the head of the Church. We thank you that by his death he has overcome death, and, having ascended into heaven, has poured his gifts abundantly upon your people, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry and the building up of his body.

*Here the Bishop lays hands upon the head of the ordinand, the Priests who are present also laying on their hands. At the same time the Bishop prays*

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to N.; fill him with grace and power, and make him a priest in your Church.

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## *Epiclesis* - Eucharist



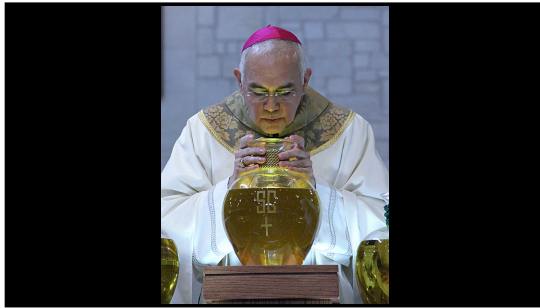
We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit  
upon these gifts

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

## *The Holy Chrism*



Dear Friends in Christ: In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over **BREATHING ON CHRISM** the creation; and, throughout history, God, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, has empowered his people to serve him. As a sign of that gift, the priests and kings of Israel were anointed with oil; and our Lord Jesus was himself anointed with the Holy Spirit at his Baptism as the Christ, God's own Messiah. At Baptism, Christians are likewise anointed by that same Spirit to empower them for God's service. Let us now set apart this oil to be the sign of that anointing.



The **Fruits** of the Spirit



Next the GIFTS of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control

The **Gifts** of the Spirit

Not to be confused with the fruits

## Gifts of the Spirit

Rom 12:6-8	1 Corinthians 12:8-10	1 Corinthians 12:28	Ephesians 4:11
Prophecy Serving Teaching Exhortation Giving Leadership Mercy	Word of wisdom Word of knowledge Faith Gifts of healings Miracles Prophecy Distinguishing between spirits Tongues Interpretation of tongues	Apostle Prophet Teacher Miracles Kinds of healings Helps Administration Tongues	Apostle Prophet Evangelist Pastor Teacher

Gifts of the Spirit. Come back to these in a later class.  
 NEXT...COME HOLY GHOST HYMN....reflection...on  
 Veni Creator (Jonathan Harvey)

**Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
 and lighten with celestial fire.  
 Thou the anointing Spirit art,  
 who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.**

**Thy blessed unction from above  
 is comfort, life, and fire of love.  
 Enable with perpetual light  
 the dullness of our blinded sight.**

**Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
 with the abundance of thy grace.  
 Keep far from foes, give peace at home:  
 where thou art guide, no ill can come.**



**Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and thee, of both, to be but One,  
that through the ages all along,  
this may be our endless song:**

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**Praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

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*Almighty and most merciful God,  
grant, we beseech thee,  
that by the indwelling of thy Holy Spirit  
we may be enlightened  
and strengthened for thy service;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Let us pray.

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