BLESSED QUIETNESS

Hymn Devotion - May 21

Scripture - John 14:16, 25-27.

Joys are flowing like a river,
Since the Comforter has come;
He abides with us forever,
Makes the trusting heart His home.

Refrain

*Blessed quietness, holy quietness,
What assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea, He speaks peace to me,
How the billows cease to roll!*

Bringing life and health and gladness,
All around this heav’nly Guest,
Banished unbelief and sadness,
Changed our weariness to rest.

Refrain

Like the rain that falls from Heaven,
Like the sunlight from the sky,
So the Holy Ghost is given,
Coming on us from on high.

Refrain

See, a fruitful field is growing,
Blessed fruit of righteousness;
And the streams of life are flowing
In the lonely wilderness.

Refrain

What a wonderful salvation,
Where we always see His face!
What a perfect habitation,
What a quiet resting place!

Refrain

Manie Payne Ferguson (1850-)

 We need to explore through prayer and study of the Word to know the power of the Holy Spirit within us.

 Don’t let your soul be a lonely wilderness but a fruitful field ever growing in a relationship with God through the Holy Spirit.

1. What do joys flow like?

2. What is the name used for the Holy Spirit here?

3. How long does He abide with us?

4. What kind of heart does He make His home?

5. Verse 2: What does He bring?

6. What is the Holy Spirit described as here?

7. What did He banish?

8. What was changed?

9. Verse 3: What is used here as a description of how the Holy Ghost is given? (list both)

10. Where does the Holy Ghost come from?

11. Verse 4: What is growing?

12. What is the blessed fruit?

13. What is flowing in the lonely wilderness?

14. Verse 4: How is salvation described?

15. What do we always see?

16. What is the habitation like?

17. How is this place described?

18. The Chorus: How is the quietness described?

19. What is in our soul?

20. Where does He speak peace?

21. What happens to the billows or waves?

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, DOVE DIVINE

Hymn Devotion - May 22

Scripture - Romans 6:3-4.

 Matthew 3:16

Come, Holy Spirit, Dove divine,
On these baptismal waters shine,
And teach our hearts, in highest strain,
To praise the Lamb for sinners slain.

We love Your Name, we love Your laws,
And joyfully embrace Your cause;
We love Your cross, the shame, the pain,
O Lamb of God, for sinners slain.

We sink beneath the water’s face,
And thank You for Your saving grace;
We die to sin and seek a grave
With You, beneath the yielding wave.

And as we rise with You to live,
O let the Holy Spirit give
The sealing unction from above,
The joy of life, the fire of love.

Adoniram Judson (1788-1850)

 Adoniram and Ann Judson were missionaries to Burma and waited a long time to see their first converts but before the end of their lives seven thousand Burmese came to Christ. Their toil and wait were worth it. This hymn was a celebration of the grace of God reaching the hearts of the Burmese people.

 Even with this rush of emotion and gratitude the realization of the power of the Holy Spirit in one’s life is a process, a journey, cultivating a relationship with and trusting in the guidance of the Spirit within to the highest strain.

1. List the two names for the Spirit sent from above:

2. What kind of waters?

3. What in highest strain do we want our hearts taught?

4. Verse 2: What do we say we love?

5. What do we joyfully embrace?

6. What goes along with the cross?

7. Who was slain for sinners?

8. Verse 3: What in baptism do we sink beneath?

9. What are we thankful for?

10. What in baptism do we die to?

11. Who are we seeking a grave with?

 Where?

12. Verse 4: What do we rise to do?

13. A definition of unction the act of anointing with oil, etc as a religious rite.

 What are we asking the Holy Spirit to give?

 Including the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

HOLY SPIRIT, TRUTH DIVINE

Hymn Devotion - May 23

Scripture – Galatians 5:16-18

 John 4:24

Holy Spirit, truth divine,
Dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light
Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, love divine,
Glow within this heart of mine;
Kindle every high desire;
Perish self in Thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, power divine
Fill and nerve this will of mine;
Grant that I may strongly live,
Bravely bear, and nobly strive.

Holy Spirit, right divine,
King within my conscience reign;
Be my Lord, and I shall be
Firmly bound, forever free.

Holy Spirit, peace divine,
Still this restless heart of mine;
Speak to calm this tossing sea,
Stayed in Thy tranquility.

Holy Spirit, joy divine,
Gladden Thou this heart of mine;
In the desert ways I sing,
Spring, O well, forever spring.

Now incline me to repent,
Let me now my sins lament,
Now my foul revolt deplore,
Weep, believe, and sin no more.

Samuel Longfellow (1819-1892)

 This hymn is a study of the Holy Spirit, insight into the third person of the trinity. How He changes our life if we repent by weeping, believing and sinning no more!

1. List the description of the Holy Spirit from the first line in verses 1-6:

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

F.

1. List the desires that we want the Holy Spirit to do within us – from the second line of the 6 verses:

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

F.

1. Read the third line of each of the six verses – then list what the result of that line which is the 4th line.

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

F.

1. Verse 7: A synonym of incline is persuade. What do we want to be persuaded to do?
2. Lament is to express sadness or regret.

What should we feel sadness or regret for?

1. How is our turning from God described?
2. What three things are we to do?

LORD JESUS CHRIST, BE PRESENT NOW

Hymn Devotion - May 24

Scripture - John 14:24-26.

 Matthew 18:20

Lord Jesus, Christ, be present now,
Our hearts in true devotion bow,
Thy Spirit send with grace divine,
And let Thy truth within us shine.

Unseal our lips to sing Thy praise,
Our souls to Thee in worship raise,
Make strong our faith, increase our light
That we may know Thy Name aright.

Until we join the hosts that cry,
“Holy art Thou, O Lord, most high!”
And in the light of that blest place
Fore’er behold Thee face to face.

Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!

German Hymn

Cantionale Sacrum, 1661

Translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

 God, the Father, God the Son and the Holy Spirit are only one person and they have been since the beginning of time and will be throughout eternity.

 Help us always be mindful that this blessed Trinity is always present in our worship, praise and within our person as the indwelling of the Holy Spirit - grace divine and that we are working at our relationship with Jesus strengthening our faith, thus increasing our light and knowing the Name of God aright - right, correctly and as completely as possible until we join the hosts on high!

1. What are we asking of the Lord Jesus Christ?

2. What are our hearts doing?

3. How do we want the Spirit sent?

4. What do we want to shine within us?

5. Verse 2: Why do we want our lips unsealed?

6. What do our souls raise to do?

7. What do we want our faith to be?

8. What do we want increased?

9. What do we want to know?

10. Verse 3: What is the cry of the hosts that we will join?

11. What will we be in?

12. What will we forever behold?

13. Verse 4: Who are the three in one?

14. Who will there be praise throughout eternity?

HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE

Hymn Devotion - May 25

Scripture - Luke 24:50-53.

 Mark 16:19

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!

To His throne above the skies; Alleluia!

Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv’n, Alleluia!

Enters now the highest heav’n. Alleluia!

There for Him high triumph waits; Alleluia!

Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!

He hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!

Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

See, He lifts His hands above! Alleluia!

See, He shows the prints of love! Alleluia!

Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!

Blessings on His church below. Alleluia!

Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!

Raise our hearts to reach Thy height, Alleluia!

There Thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!

Find our heav’n of heav’n in Thee! Alleluia!

 Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

 We cannot physically see all of this but we are asking to be able to look, to see with our hearts to reach the height of His love, to be able to see His face, at this time not physically but in a spiritual way, to find our peace, our rest, our heaven of heaven in Jesus.

 What a blessing to have the Prince of Heaven, Jesus himself come to earth to be an example for us, then die for us, now is in heaven, bestowing blessings on the church, on us here below. We have the heaven of heavens with Christ, now and forevermore! Praise the Lord!

1. A synonym of hail is praise. What are we praising here?

2. Where did He rise?

3. How is Christ described here?

4. Where did He go?

5. Verse 2: What waits for Him?

6. What are the eternal gates to do?

7. What has He conquered?

8. How is He described here?

9. Verse 3: What does He do?

10. What does He show?

11. A definition of hark is to listen attentively. What are we to listen to?

12. What does He bestow on the church?

13. Verse 4: What are we asking to see beyond?

14. Where do we want our hearts to reach?

15. What will we see unclouded?

16. What do we want to find?

17. Alleluia translates as Praise the Lord.

What are we to do in and for all things?