

Melody for the Glorious Feast of the Pentecost (Coming of the Holy Spirit)

Glory be to the Holy God
Glory to the only-begotten of the Father
Glory be to the life-giving Spirit
A glowing Trinity, burning like fire

Before our Savior ascended to heaven
He promised His chosen
To send the Spirit of comfort
As tongues of fire, cloven

The disciples were gathered
In the upper room in one spirit
On the day of Pentecost
Awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit

Behold, thundering and earthquakes
From above a great voice
The Holy Spirit came upon them
They received Him and did rejoice

He descended upon each one
And filled them with the Spirit of holiness
Each one uttered with a tongue
And spoke of hidden mysteries with boldness

Many people gathered to them
Seeing them rejoice at the visitation
Of the Spirit of the holiest One
Who gave them hidden inspiration

Some people were marveling
Others started mocking them
Others began accusing
That these are but drunken men

Peter cried with a great voice
“O inhabitants of Jerusalem
Let every wise man hear
And be found blameless

“It is not as you suppose
We are not drunkards gone astray
But are joyful in the Spirit
It is the third hour of the day!

“Joel the prophet did speak
About this day and did prophesy
So understand, O Israelites
Listen to what I will testify

“Jesus of Nazareth came to you
From God with great wonders
Him you did crucify
God raised Him with the sound of thunder

“We are His witnesses
We beheld Him with our eyes
We ate and drank with Him
For many days and many nights

“The day He ascended to heaven
He sat at the right of His Father
He promised us the Holy Spirit
Who came as tongues of fire”

When they heard Simon Peter, they said
“We believe this, which is mysterious
What shall we do to be counted
Among the ranks of righteous?”

They told them, come you all
To be immersed in Holy Baptism
In the name of Jesus your Savior
Receive the promise through Him

They all received the word of faith
And were baptized in the His holy name
According to the apostles’ testimony
Three thousand Christians were claimed

Many sights and wonders
Were performed by each apostle
By the Spirit, they raised the dead
And illuminated the world with the Gospel