



God's Spirit on the city

Day 2

[18 May]

With Mary... leap for joy

Be attentive!

A transformation is coming...

God lives in us.

From now on, he wants to dance in us.

Dance in us to make our "today" smile.

We leap for joy, because we have received an important visitor: it's the arrival of the Spirit.

It's the Spirit who is preparing to arrive; it's the Spirit who prepares us.

His breath fills the sails of our hearts with a dynamic peace, an uplifting joy, a happiness that sends us out on mission. We are inhabited, like Mary inhabited by the Word. We are sent out, carriers of the Good News sown in our souls. She sows in us this Good News, in order – through us – to bring the fruit of blessing to the world.

Be attentive, because germination is patient, subtle – a sweet and gentle inner growth. Presence to the hidden Presence. Attentive listening to the interior Word. It's a matter of learning the steps to the tango the Spirit is dancing in our hearts.

What does the Spirit ask of us?

For what kind of joy is he preparing us?

Towards whom, interiorly, is he directing our love?

Come Holy Spirit, enlighten us. Come Holy Spirit, teach us. Come Spirit of the gift, Spirit of Jesus Resurrected. Come and dance in us. So, at the heart of the world where you have placed us, we will be spokespeople of your joy, we will be missionaries with a contagious happiness, with a generosity that can heal all suffering.

THE WORD AS THE WAY

Zeph 3:14-18a (© NRSVCE)

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,

a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,

he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

WORDS TO PRAY

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the Holy Spirit who makes love and joy bubble up within us.

Yes, Holy Spirit, you live in our hearts. You give us the ability to partake in, and to wonder at, the immensity of your love.

O how we adore you! Without you, sadness, emptiness, nothingness and death invade us.

Holy Spirit, empty us of ourselves, liberate us from our daily acts of death, remove self-sufficiency from our hearts, chase away our shadows, so that our hearts will overflow with light and our souls rediscover true joy: the joy to taste the intensity of your love.