



God's Spirit on the city

Day 8

[24 May]

Accompanied by Mary... accept to go out on mission

On the day of the Annunciation, Mary, you meditated on the Word of the angel; on the day of the Visitation, you lifted up your voice in a song of thanksgiving; on the day of the Nativity, an adoring silence overtook your heart; at the foot of the Cross, lamentations and tears ripped apart your soul... But it's in the silence of the dawn that you rejoiced with the Risen Jesus.

Today, you sit in the midst of the Church and you sing the praises of the Lord, Daughter of Zion, because here he announces: "I will come! I will dwell in your midst: yes, I will dwell among you."

The Lord becomes flames of fire that burn up our hearts: by his grace, we become temples illuminated by the fire of the Spirit. And you, Mary, it's in the silence of the Cenacle, praying with one heart with the apostles, that you receive the anointing of his Love.

"O fire, of which the coming is the Word,
Of which the silence is light,

Fire that establishes our hearts
in thanksgiving!" (St. Ephrem)

With Mary, Mother of the Church, we ask You, Lord, to make this song of thanksgiving spring forth from our hearts so that we can joyfully share the fire of the Spirit with our brothers. Missionaries of your Spirit, with Mary, Our Lady of Pentecost, we may burn to become one Church with the world around us.

THE WORD AS THE WAY

Zech 2,10-13 (© NRSVCE)

Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the LORD. Many nations shall join themselves to the LORD on that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst. And you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. The LORD will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem. Be silent, all people, before the LORD; for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

WORDS TO PRAY

Thank you God, our Father, for the breath of the Spirit that comes to dwell in us on this day of Pentecost.

Thank you for the gifts of wisdom, intelligence, counsel, power, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord that enliven us.

Inhabited by your presence, stay with us, so that in the city, in our communities, in our families as well as in our places of work we can be signs and witnesses of your Gospel. Accompanied by Mary, we may find always the strength and the courage to go ahead in the missions to which you call us.