

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Monday 5th June 2023

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The Glorious Mysteries The Descent of the Holy Spirit

She breathes and beckons formless earth to be;
she broods and beauty grows beneath her wings.
To those weighed down by fear and slavery
she gifts a heart that braves , a soul that sings.
She is the change that settles soft as dew
and Holy Spirit, wild as wind and flame;
lion-strong and silver tongued, she speaks anew
the Word made flesh who from the Father came.
She is the Gift, unowned yet pledged to all,
the common wealth that knows it's yours and mine,
the seal and strength to break the hateful wall,
the power to make our weakness all divine.
And when in doubt and fear they try to pray,
She gives them tongues of fire to wake the day.

- From Come Holy Spirit. Steven Shakespeare. Canterbury Press

The Holy Spirit comes to teach us, to give us gifts and enable us to share what we know of Jesus.