

### The Holy Spirit: recap of last week's class

- in the Bible, though not the word *Trinity*
- in church history: the Creed
  - o *We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.*
- in our worship
  - o baptism and Eucharist and Ordination and Confirmation
- in our music

### Terms in Hebrew Scriptures

- Hebrew: Nephesh (breath) and Ruah (wind)
- Greek: Pneuma
- sometimes male pronouns, sometimes female

### Activity in the Hebrew Scriptures has been summarized as:

1. shape creation, animate animals and human kind
  - a. Genesis 1:1-2 (wind/spirit over waters) and
  - b. Genesis 2:7 (breath into Adam's nostrils)
  - c. Psalm 104:30 renewing

### And for this class, May 28th

2. The Holy Spirit: to reveal God's messages
  - a. Isaiah 11:1-3

1 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup>The **spirit** of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

b. ISAIAH 42:1-4

1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
2 He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
3 a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
4 He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

c. ISAIAH 61:1-4

1 The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

3. The Holy Spirit: to teach by these revelations the way to be faithful and fruitful
  - a. Psalm 143:8-10

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning,  
for in you I put my trust.  
Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

<sup>9</sup> Save me, O LORD, from my enemies; I have fled to you for refuge.<sup>[a]</sup>  
<sup>10</sup> Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.  
Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.

<sup>11</sup> For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life.  
In your righteousness bring me out of trouble.

4. The Holy Spirit: to elicit faith, repentance, obedience, praise
  - a. Joel 2:28-32

28 Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.

<sup>29</sup> Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

<sup>30</sup> I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and  
columns of smoke. <sup>31</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to  
blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. <sup>32</sup> Then everyone  
who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in  
Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the  
survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

5. The Holy Spirit: to equip for strong, wise and effective leadership

a. Numbers 27:15-23 – Joshua and leadership

<sup>15</sup> Moses spoke to the LORD, saying, <sup>16</sup> “Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint someone over the congregation <sup>17</sup> who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall lead them out and bring them in, so that the congregation of the LORD may not be like sheep without a shepherd.” <sup>18</sup> So the LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand upon him; <sup>19</sup> have him stand before Eleazar the priest and all the congregation, and commission him in their sight. <sup>20</sup> You shall give him some of your authority, so that all the congregation of the Israelites may obey. <sup>21</sup> But he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the decision of the Urim before the LORD; at his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he and all the Israelites with him, the whole congregation.” <sup>22</sup> So Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole congregation; <sup>23</sup> he laid his hands on him and commissioned him—as the LORD had directed through Moses.

b. Deut 34:1-9 – more on Joshua

<sup>34</sup> Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: ... <sup>4</sup> The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” <sup>5</sup> Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. <sup>6</sup> He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. <sup>7</sup> Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. <sup>8</sup> The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. <sup>9</sup> Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

c. 1 Samuel 10:1,3– Saul anointed King

10 1 Samuel took a vial of oil and poured it on [Saul's] head, and kissed him; he said, "The Lord has anointed you ruler over his people Israel. You shall reign over the people of the Lord and you will save them from the hand of their enemies all around. Now this shall be the sign to you that the Lord has anointed you ruler[a] over his heritage: 5 you shall come to Gibeath-elohim,[b] at the place where the Philistine garrison is; there, as you come to the town, you will meet a band of prophets coming down from the shrine with harp, tambourine, flute, and lyre playing in front of them; they will be in a prophetic frenzy. 6 Then the spirit of the Lord will possess you, and you will be in a prophetic frenzy along with them and be turned into a different person. 7 Now when these signs meet you, do whatever you see fit to do, for God is with you. 8 And you shall go down to Gilgal ahead of me; then I will come down to you to present burnt offerings and offer sacrifices of well-being. Seven days you shall wait, until I come to you and show you what you shall do."

9 As he turned away to leave Samuel, God gave him another heart; and all these signs were fulfilled that day. 10 When they were going from there[c] to Gibeah,[d] a band of prophets met him; and the spirit of God possessed him, and he fell into a prophetic frenzy along with them. 11 When all who knew him before saw how he prophesied with the prophets, the people said to one another, "What has come over the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?" 12 A man of the place answered, "And who is their father?" Therefore it became a proverb, "Is Saul also among the prophets?" 13 When his prophetic frenzy had ended, he went home.

6. The Holy Spirit: to give skill and application to creative work

Zechariah 4:4-7

4 The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. <sup>2</sup> He said to me, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. <sup>3</sup> And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left." <sup>4</sup> I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?" <sup>5</sup> Then the angel who talked with me answered me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." <sup>6</sup> He said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>7</sup> What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain; and he shall bring out the top stone amid shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'"

## Other passages from Hebrew Scripture:

### Ezekiel 37 – Dry bones given life

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath<sup>[a]</sup> to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath<sup>[b]</sup> in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: <sup>[c]</sup> Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, <sup>[d]</sup> and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

### Proverbs 1:23 – Wisdom of the sages (I will pour out my thoughts to you.)

Wisdom cries out in the street;  
in the squares she raises her voice.

<sup>21</sup> At the busiest corner she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

<sup>22</sup> “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?  
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?”

<sup>23</sup> Give heed to my reproof;  
I will pour out my thoughts to you;

I will make my words known to you.  
<sup>24</sup> Because I have called and you refused,  
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,  
<sup>25</sup> and because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,  
<sup>26</sup> I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when panic strikes you,  
<sup>27</sup> when panic strikes you like a storm,  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.  
<sup>28</sup> Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.  
<sup>29</sup> Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,  
<sup>30</sup> would have none of my counsel,  
and despised all my reproof,  
<sup>31</sup> therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way  
and be sated with their own devices.  
<sup>32</sup> For waywardness kills the simple,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;  
<sup>33</sup> but those who listen to me will be secure  
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

#### Judges 14:6 – Samson’s physical strength

Once Samson went down to Timnah, and at Timnah he saw a Philistine woman. <sup>2</sup> Then he came up, and told his father and mother, “I saw a Philistine woman at Timnah; now get her for me as my wife.” <sup>3</sup> But his father and mother said to him, “Is there not a woman among your kin, or among all our<sup>[a]</sup> people, that you must go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?” But Samson said to his father, “Get her for me, because she pleases me.” <sup>4</sup> His father and mother did not know that this was from the Lord; for he was seeking a pretext to act against the Philistines. At that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

<sup>5</sup> Then Samson went down with his father and mother to Timnah. When he came to the vineyards of Timnah, suddenly a young lion roared at him. <sup>6</sup> The spirit of the Lord rushed on him, and he tore the lion apart barehanded as one might tear apart a kid. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. <sup>7</sup> Then he went down and talked with the woman, and she pleased Samson. <sup>8</sup> After a while he returned to marry her, and he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion, and there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey. <sup>9</sup> He scraped it out into his hands, and went on, eating as he went. When he came to his father and mother, he gave some to them, and they ate it. But he did not tell them that he had taken the honey from the carcass of the lion.

## Syllabus

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Q. What is the Holy Spirit?

A. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity, God at work in the world and in the Church even now.

Q. How is the Holy Spirit revealed in the Old Covenant?

A. The Holy Spirit is revealed in the Old Covenant as the giver of life, the One who spoke through the prophets.

Q. How is the Holy Spirit revealed in the New Covenant?

A. The Holy Spirit is revealed as the Lord who leads us into all truth and enables us to grow in the likeness of Christ.

Q. How do we recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

A. We recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit when we confess Jesus Christ as Lord and are brought into love and harmony with God, with ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all creation.

Q. How do we recognize the truths taught by the Holy Spirit?

A. We recognize truths to be taught by the Holy Spirit when they are in accord with the Scriptures.