

The Holy Spirit: Hebrew Scriptures

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How we know about The Holy Spirit: recap

- in our personal lives and the life of the church
- in the Bible
- in the Creed: *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: baptism, Eucharist, Ordination, 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 (spirit over waters) and Genesis 2:7 (breath into Adam's nostrils)
2. The Holy Spirit: to reveal God's messages: Ezekiel 37 – Dry bones given life
 - a. Isaiah 11:1-3; ISAIAH 42:1-4; ISAIAH 61:1-4
3. The Holy Spirit: to teach in revelations the way to be faithful/fruitful: Psalm 143:8-10
4. The Holy Spirit: to elicit faith, repentance, obedience, praise: Joel 2:28-32
5. The Holy Spirit: to equip for strong, wise and effective leadership
 - a. Numbers 27:15-23 – Joshua and leadership
6. The Holy Spirit: to give skill and application to creative work: Zechariah 4:4-7

Persona – like an actor in Greek theater wearing a mask for each character. Same voice and windpipe, different face of the moment. The Holy Spirit – a persona who does what a person does: hears, speaks, convinces, testifies, shows, leads, guides, teaches, speaks, commands, desires, helps, intercedes with groans.

When does the Holy Spirit begin its work? Pentecost? Upper Room on the Day of Resurrection, or **conception... The Conception and Birth of Jesus: Luke 1:26-35**

Luke 3: The Baptism of Jesus [a 'Trinity' moment]

Matthew 28:16-20 “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

John 14: the Advocate,^[i] the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,

2 Corinthians 13:11-13: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

What Jesus says: no blaspheming against the Holy Spirit: Mark 3: “Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” — for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Actions of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament can be described as follows:

1. Reveals Jesus' reality and the truth about him (Baptism and Wilderness)
2. unites believers to Christ in regenerative, life giving ways (John 3, Nicodemus) and Acts 10 (Peter and Cornelius)
3. assures believers that they are children and heirs of God (Ephesians 1:3)
4. mediates fellowship with the Father and the Son as a first installment of eternal life (2 Cor 5:5...a tent eternal in the heavens)
5. transforms believers progressively through prayer and conflict (Galatians 5)
6. gives gifts to build up the body of Christ (1 Cor 12)
7. Divine Help in times of persecution (Luke 12:12)
8. prays effectively in and for believers (Romans 8)
9. prompts missionary action (Acts and Luke 4 (the blind receive sight))

Holy Spirit in the Church today: Our Liturgy (“the work of the people”)

1. Opening Acclamation each Sunday: *a statement of divinity*

- Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

2. at Baptism

- The opening acclamation, from Ephesians 4:4ff

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

- The Creed/Baptismal Covenant (previously discussed)
- Prayers for the Candidate

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

- Blessing over the water

Now sanctify this water*, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again (John 3) may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Epiclesis*: The invocation of the active presence of the Holy Spirit

- Baptism itself: in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (from Matthew 28)
- Chrism: [*Name*], you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.
- Concluding Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit (John 3) you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

3. Eucharist

Collect for Purity (Rite I and Rite II)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Rite I: Consecration of the elements

Prayer 1: And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine*; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood....

Prayer II: And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit*, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto

us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*Epiclesis

The invocation of the active presence of the Holy Spirit in the eucharistic prayer so that the bread and wine may become the body and blood of Christ. The presider at the eucharist may extend his or her hands over the gifts at the epiclesis. The term is based on the Greek word that means "to call upon," "to invoke." The epiclesis typically follows the institution narrative (see eucharistic prayers A, B, and D, BCP, pp. 363, 369, 375), but it precedes the institution narrative in eucharistic prayer C (BCP, p. 371).

An epiclesis in some form has been included in the eucharistic prayers of the Episcopal Church since the 1789 BCP. The epiclesis of Prayer I in Rite 1 of the BCP is substantially the same as that in the 1789 BCP.

~ <https://episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/epiclesis>

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Prayer A

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit* to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us* also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy,

and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Prayer B

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Prayer C

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer D

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

4. Confirmation and Reception

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in *these* your *servants* the covenant you have made with *them* at *their* Baptism. Send *them* forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before *them*; through Jesus Christ

your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.* BCP 418

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. *Amen.*

or this

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

For Reaffirmation

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. *Amen.*

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

5. Ordination

My *sister/brother*, the Church is the family of God, the body of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit. All baptized people are called to make Christ known as Savior and Lord, and to share in the renewing of his world. Now you are called to work as pastor, priest, and teacher, together with your bishop and fellow presbyters, and to take your share in the councils of the Church. [BCP 531](#)

God and Father of all, we praise you for your infinite love in calling us to be a holy people in the kingdom of your Son Jesus our Lord, who is the image of your eternal and invisible glory, the firstborn among many brethren, and the head of the Church. We thank you that by his death he has overcome death, and, having ascended into heaven, has poured his gifts abundantly upon your people, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry and the building up of his body.

Here the Bishop lays hands upon the head of the ordinand, the Priests who are present also laying on their hands. At the same time the Bishop prays

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to *N.*; fill *her/him* with grace and power, and make *her/him* a priest in your Church. [BCP 533](#)

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that *N.* may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with *him*, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Bishop then asks the new priest to bless the people.

The new Priest says

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The work of the Holy Spirit: inspiring, defending, directing

Next Week: Music and our personal lives:

Homework: share a favorite hymn that spiritually uplifts you