

Prayer in Preparation for Chapter 2018
Week XXVI Theme: Life in the Spirit
April 15 - 21, 2018

Grace: a deepening awareness of the presence, power and movement of the Spirit in my life

April 15	Mark 16:1-8	Resurrection
April 16	John 14:16-31	The Promise of the Spirit
April 17	Acts 1:3-5	After the Resurrection
April 18	Luke 1:46-55	The Magnificat
April 19	Acts 1:6-12	Ascension
April 20	Acts 2:1-13	Pentecost
April 21	Matthew 28:16-20	Appearance in Galilee: The Mission to the World

To Live with the Spirit

To live with the Spirit of God is to be a listener.
It is to keep the vigil of mystery,
Earthless and still.
One leans to catch the stirring of the Spirit,
Strange as the wind's will.

The soul that walks where the wind of the Spirit blows
Turns like a wandering weather-vane toward love.
It may lament like Job or Jeremiah,
Echo the wounded hart, the mateless dove.
It may rejoice in spaciousness of meadow
That emulates the freedom of the sky.
Always it walks in waylessness, unknowing;
It has cast down forever from its hand
The compass of the whither and the why.

To live with the Spirit of God is to be a lover.
It is becoming love, and like to God
Toward Whom we strain with metaphors of creatures:
Fire-sweep and water-rush and the wind's whim.
The soul is all activity, all silence;
And though it surges Godward to its goal,
It holds, as moving earth holds sleeping noonday,
The peace that is the listening of the soul.

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