

## “Be filled with the Spirit” (Ephesians 5:18)

### 01. Recap

\*Last week we reflected that the anointing of the Holy Spirit is a great power. Through the Baptism at the river Jordan Our Lord received the anointing of the Holy Spirit and His power.

\*Just after the Baptism the Holy Spirit drove our Lord to the wilderness. We also reflected on the desert experience of our Lord and how the Holy Spirit worked so powerfully in Him.

\*We also saw how Jesus, as a true son of man accepting Himself as the only begotten Son of the Almighty God.

i. Sharing : Share in small groups how we experienced the Word received last week

### 02. Hymn No. 05 in the Pubudu Geetanjali (Sinhala)

### 03. Message: John 14:16-17

\*Divine Reading : Read the above scripture passage in the manner you do the Diving Reading.

\*Our Lord Jesus Christ revealed the grace we have received to know and experience the Holy Spirit who lives within us eternally. If the Holy Spirit dwells eternally within us, discuss within small groups whether there is any merit in chanting “Come Holy Spirit” time and again

i. Below facts to be emphasized by the servant of the Word:

a. Acts 4:31 “When they had finished praying, the place where they were meeting was shaken. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to proclaim God’s message with boldness”

\*thus when we read God’s Word we see that the Apostles and the believers who had been baptized received the anointing of the Holy Spirit

b. Ephesians 5:18 “do not get drunk with wine, which only ruin you; instead be filled with the Spirit”

\*thus we see Saint Paul telling those who have been baptized to again be filled with the Holy Spirit

c. Let us see what Saint Thomas Aquinas says in this regard:

\*Come Holy Spirit does not mean that the Spirit travels from one place to another, but rather the Holy Spirit in and through His grace will begin to work in a new way in those who have made themselves His dwelling place or the temple.

d. In the Church history we see the Mother Church too receiving a new Pentecost from time to time.

\*Charismatic Renewal Movements that have sprung up all over the world are examples of this.  
The Kithu Dana Pubuduwa is also such a renewal

04. In small groups opening ourselves to the Holy Spirit let us pray to the Holy Spirit to infill us again and again.

05. throughout the week:

Begin a life of constant awakening to the Holy Spirit and experience His constant infilling