

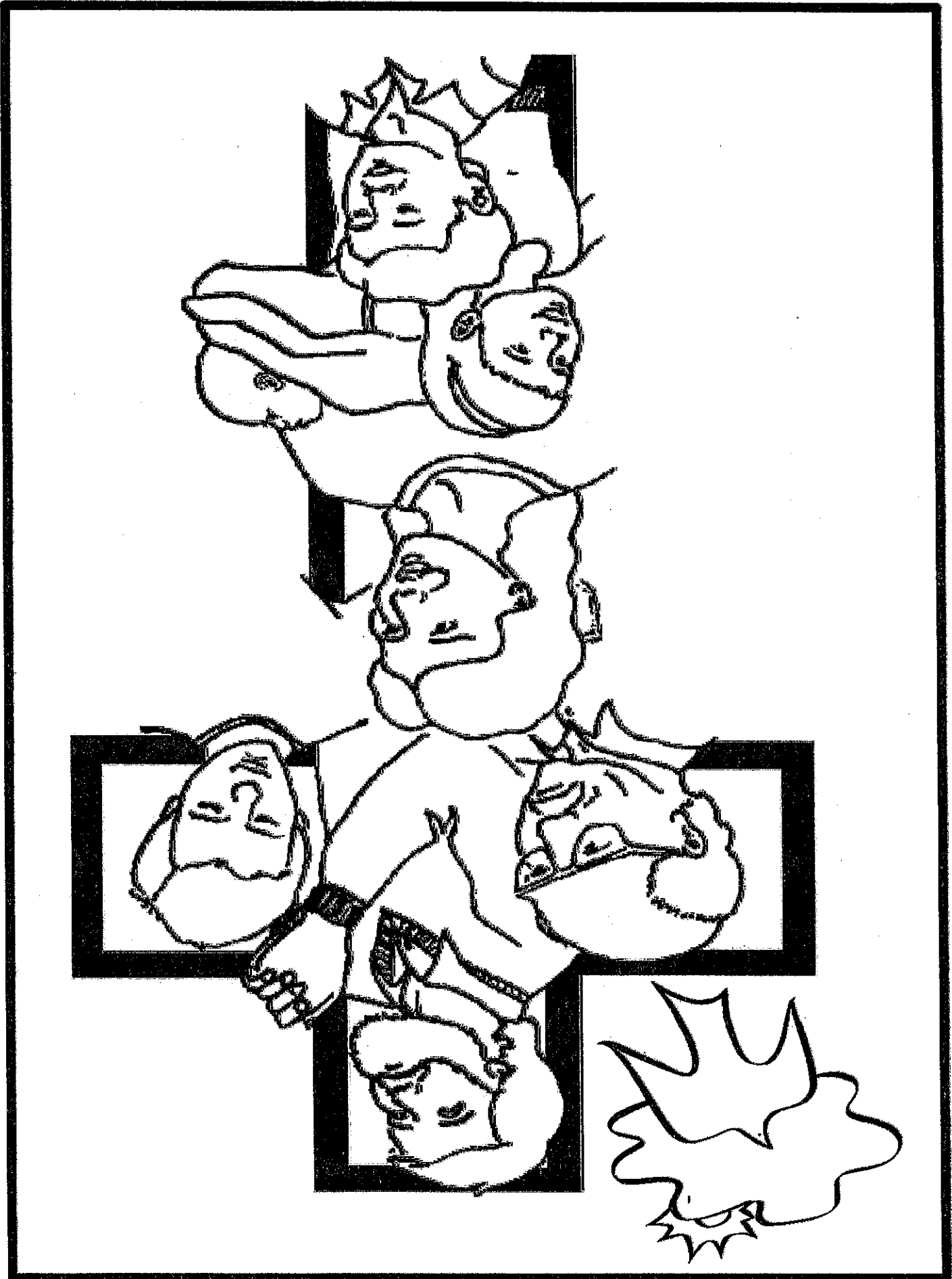
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Pentecost
A Journey of Gifts

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This devotion is based on the vigil service for Pentecost. You can gather seven candles, or light one candle a day for seven days. After you light the candle(s) you read the Scripture lesson for the gift of the Spirit and say the corresponding prayer with each gift. You can color a picture as you read the devotion in thanksgiving for the Spirit and hang it somewhere for reflection.



First Candle - The Spirit Of Wisdom

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians the first chapter,

16I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my

prayers, 17that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may

give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

18having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is

the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious

inheritance in the saints, 19and what is the immeasurable greatness of his

power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might

20which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and

made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21far above all rule

and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is

named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come; 22and he

has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things

for the church, 23which is his body, the fulness of him who fills all in all.

Let us pray,

Come, Holy Spirit, and give us wisdom to consider in our hearts what

is godly and truth. May we have a perspective of godliness and love so

that we might make the way for peace and understanding in our families,

our community, and as a part of this wonderful redeemed world, in Jesus'

name we pray. Amen.

On the Day of Pentecost the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit.
Acts 2



Second Candle - The Spirit Of Understanding

A reading from Jeremiah the fourth chapter,

22 "For my people are foolish, they know me not; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but how to do good they know not."

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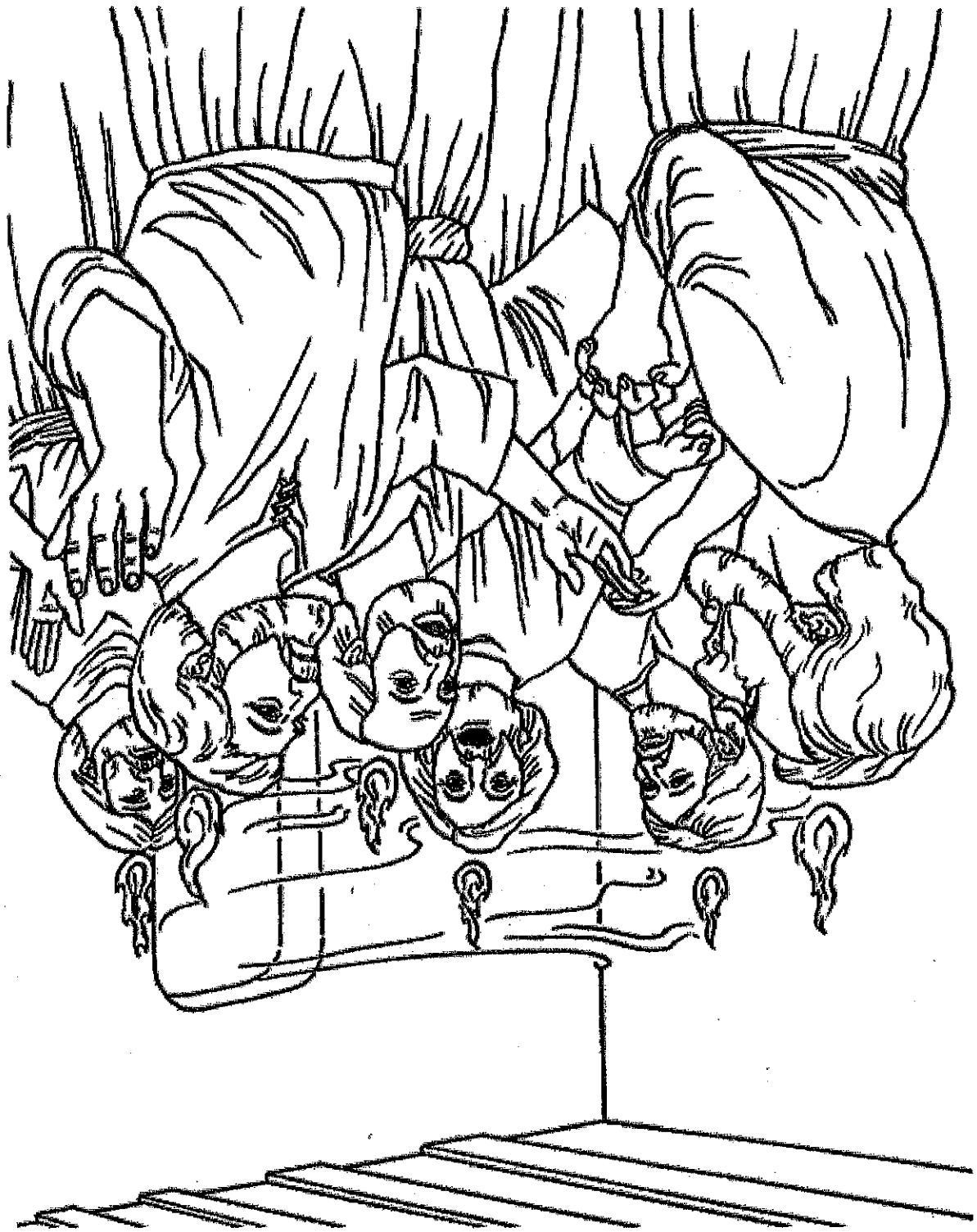
A reading from the first letter of John the fifth chapter,

20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, to know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Let us pray,

Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten us with knowledge and give us understanding as a witness to your message of love and grace, so that we might see your presence and become apostles in our communities and families, in Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

The Day of Pentecost
Acts 2



Third Candle - The Spirit Of Counsel

A reading from the sixteenth Psalm,

I Preserve me, O God, for in thee I take refuge. 2 I say to the LORD, "Thou art my Lord; I have no good apart from thee." 3 As for the saints in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight. 4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their tribulations of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. 5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; thou holdest my lot. 6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage. 7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. 8 I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also dwells secure. 10 For thou dost not give me up to Sheol, or let thy godly one see the Pit. 11 Thou dost show me the path of life; in thy presence there is fulness of joy, in thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Here ends the reading.

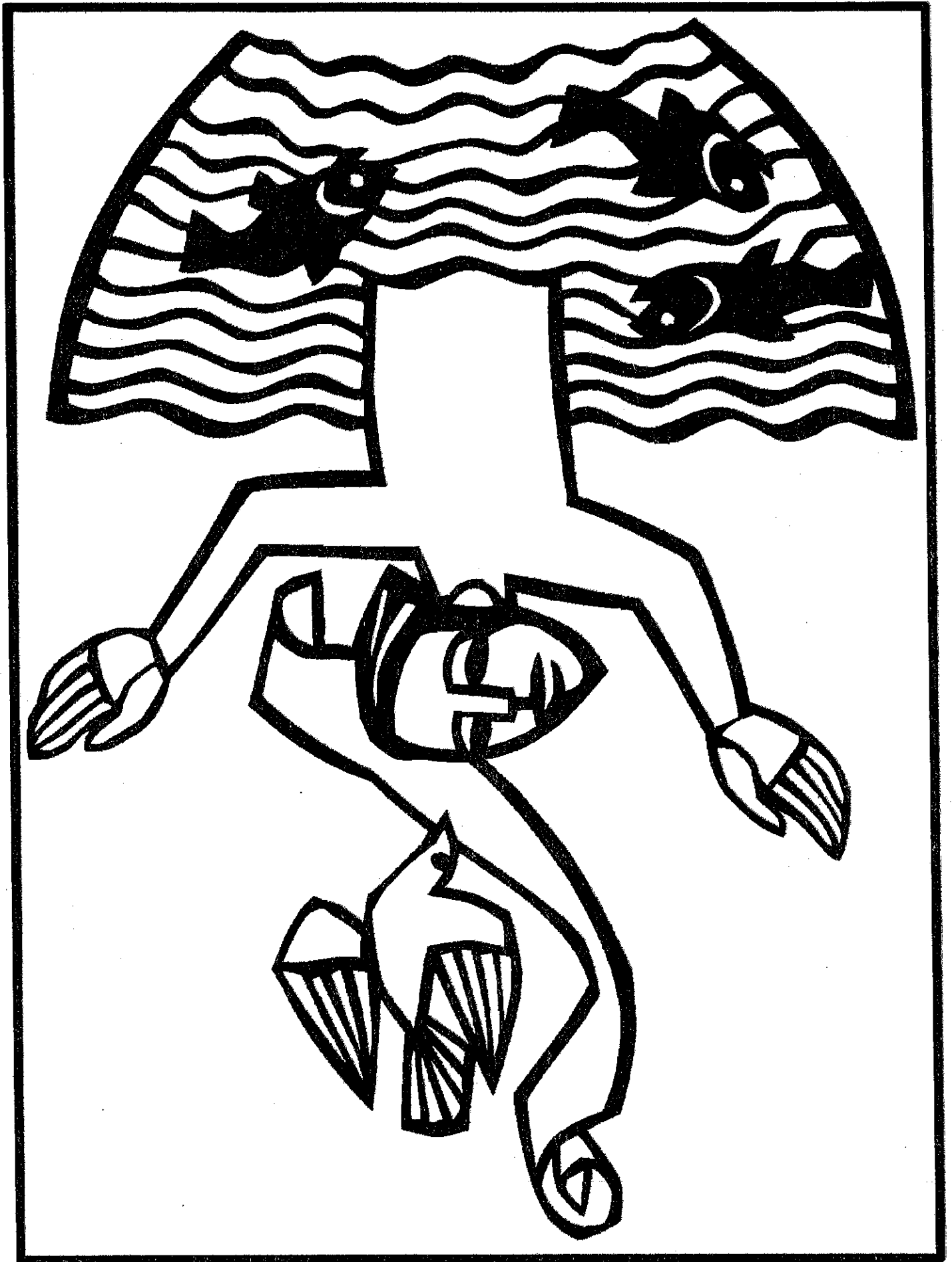
A reading from the thirty second Psalm,

I Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. 2 Blessed is the man to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. 3 When I declared not my sin, my body wasted away though my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah* 5 I acknowledged my sin to thee, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; then thou didst forgive the guilt of my sin. *Selah* 6 Therefore let every one who is godly offer prayer to thee; at a time of distress, in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. 7 Thou art a hiding place for me, thou preservest me from trouble; thou dost encompass me with deliverance. *Selah* 8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. 9 Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not keep with you. 10 Many are the pangs of the wicked; but steadfast love surrounds him who trusts in the LORD. 11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Here ends the reading.

Let us pray,

Come, Holy Spirit, speak to our hearts your counsel, so that we might do what is right and lead godly lives. Help us to take counsel with others who need to hear a word of grace and make us recipients of your guidance and heed your direction, in Jesus's name we pray. Amen.



Fourth Candle - The Spirit Of Might

A reading from second Corinthians the fifth chapter,

6 So we are always of good courage, we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

Here ends the reading.

A reading from the forty sixth Psalm,

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; 3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. 5 God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God will help her right early. 6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. 7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has wrought desolations in the earth. 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, he burns the chariots with fire! 10 "Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!" 11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our

refuge.

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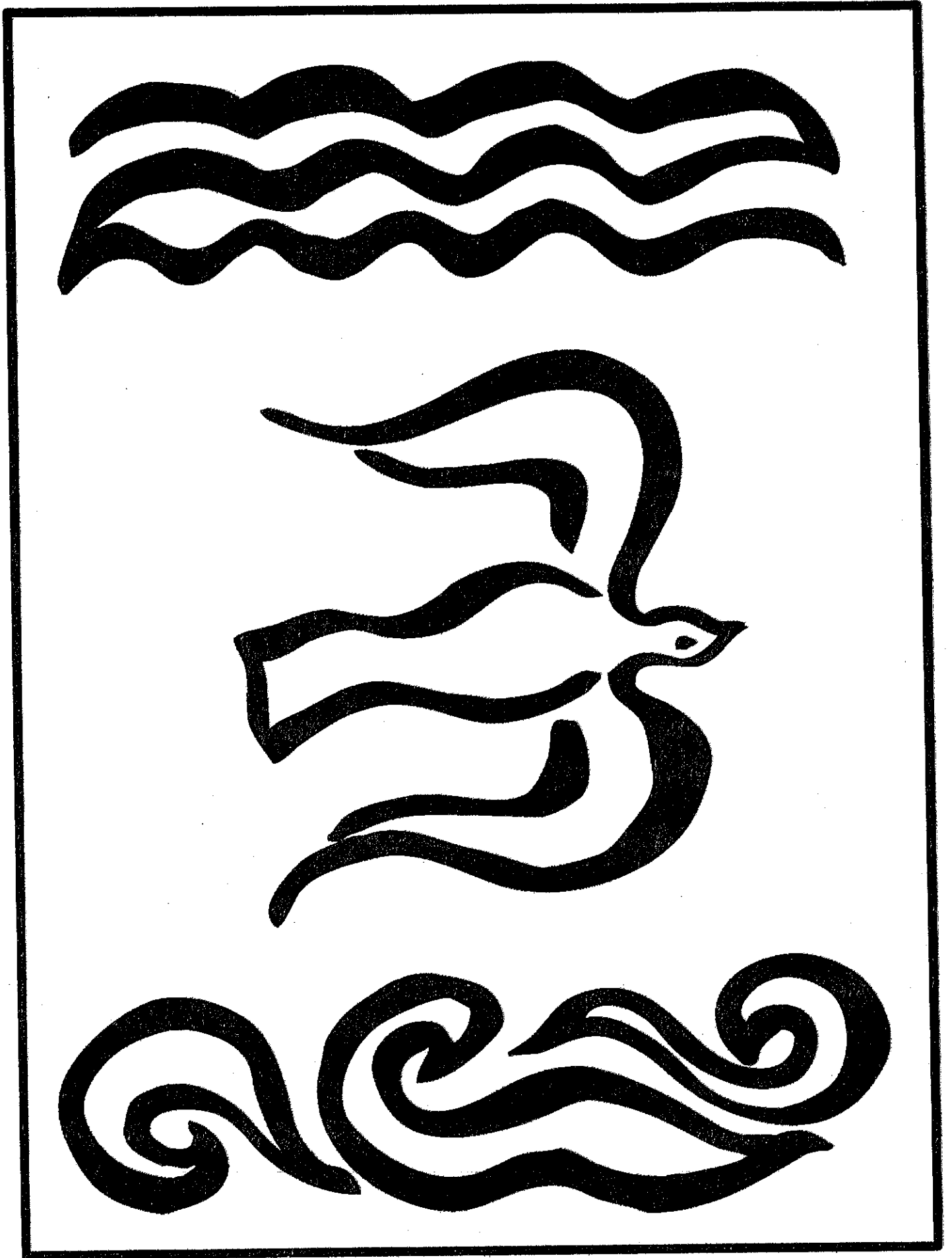
A reading from the ninety first Psalm,

14 Because he cleaves to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. 15 When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will rescue him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him, and show him my salvation

Here ends the reading.

Let us pray,

Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with courage to share your Word in a hostile and hurting world and protect us with your mighty arm, so that we might face sin, death and the devil with a holy and certain hope, a strong faith, and the firm foundation of the Risen and Victorious Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.



Fifth Candle - The Spirit Of Knowledge

A reading from Jeremiah the thirty first chapter,

34 And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Here ends the reading.

A reading from the gospel according to John the sixteenth chapter,

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convince the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin,

because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

12 "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He

will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Here ends the reading.

Let us pray,

Come, Holy Spirit, write on our hearts the truth about sin, the truth about God, the truth about the world, and the truth about Jesus as Savior, Messiah and Christ, so that we might bear witness to the truth in all that we say and do, in Jesus's name we pray. Amen.



Sixth Candle - The Spirit Of The Fear Of The Lord

A reading from the twenty fifth Psalm,

1 To thee, O LORD, I lift up my soul. 2 O my God, in thee I trust, let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. 3 Yea, let none that wait for thee be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly teacherous. 4 Make me to know thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. 5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me, for thou art the God of my salvation; for thee I wait all the day long. 6 Be mindful of thy mercy, O LORD, and of thy steadfast love, for they have been from of old. 7 Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to thy steadfast love remember me, for thy goodness' sake, O LORD! 8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. 9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. 10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. 11 For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. 12 Who is the man that fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. 13 He himself shall abide in prosperity, and his children shall possess the land. 14 The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. 15 My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. 16 Turn thou to me, and be gracious to me; for I am lonely and afflicted. 17 Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distresses. 18 Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. 19 Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. 20 Oh guard my life, and deliver me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in thee. 21 May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for thee. 22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

Here ends the reading.

A reading from Exodus the twentieth chapter,

1 And God spoke all these words, saying, 2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 "You shall have no other gods before me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him

guiltless who takes his name in vain. 8 "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant, or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates; 11 for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day;

therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it. 12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the LORD your God gives you. 13 "You shall not kill. 14 "You shall not commit adultery. 15 "You shall not steal. 16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's." 18 Now when all the people perceived the thunderings and the lightnings and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid

and trembled; and they stood afar off, 19 and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will hear; but let not God speak to us, lest we die." 20 And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to prove you, and that the fear of him may be before your eyes, that you may not sin." 21 And the people stood afar off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was. 22 And the LORD said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the people of Israel: 'You have

seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven. 23 You shall not make gods of silver to be with me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold. 24 An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen; in every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you. 25 And if you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stones; for if you wield your tool upon it you profane it. 26 And you shall not go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness be not exposed on it.

Here ends the reading.

Let us pray,

Come, Holy Spirit, make us thankful in all things, to fear nothing except losing you, and to lay all of our cares on you, knowing that you care for us. Create in us reverent hearts and protect us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of your love shown to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Seventh Candle - The Spirit Of Joy

A reading from the sixteenth Psalm,

I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my

body also dwells secure.

Here ends the reading.

A reading from the gospel according to John the sixteenth chapter,

20 Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. 21 When a woman is in travail she has sorrow, because her hour has come; but

when she is delivered of the child, she no longer remembers the anguish,

for joy that a child is born into the world. 22 So you have sorrow now, but

I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your

joy from you. 23 In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say

to you, if you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you in my

name. 24 Hitherto you have asked nothing in my name; ask, and you will

receive, that your joy may be full.

Here ends the reading.

Let us pray,

Come, Holy Spirit, pour out your joy within us, your beloved joy of knowing

our Redeemer lives, your beloved joy of your attentive presence in every need and in

every suffering, your beloved joy which springs forth into prayer, song, and worship,

your beloved joy which makes us complete, in Jesus's name we pray. Amen.