

## On Pentecost They Gathered

Acts 2:1-24, 32-47

Jane Parker Huber, 1981; rev. 1993

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,  
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed  
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,  
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples to wor - ship, sing, and pray.  
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as God in Christ they praised.  
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.  
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,  
 What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?  
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.  
 O give us hearts to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.  
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.  
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.  
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

Jane Parker Huber explained that she wrote this text in 1981  
 "to fill a gap in current hymnody," in that "many of the hymns  
 concerning the activity of the Holy Spirit do not mention  
 Pentecost."

Tune: MUNICH 7.6.7.6.D.  
 Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693  
 Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

# Now in the Days of Youth

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Walter J. Mathams, 1913; alt.  
Adapt. Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1992

Eccles. 12:1; 1 Cor. 16:13; Deut. 30:19-20

1 Now in the days of youth when life is filled with choice, when  
2 Teach us to use our lives with pur - pose and with power for  
3 Teach us to love in truth, to give and to re - ceive with  
4 Teach-er, Cre - a - tor, God, en - fold us in your arms; be

hope and doubt touch ev - ery hour, when all thoughts find a voice,  
vi - sions of a bet - ter world and for de - ci - sion's hour;  
joy - ful and with o - pen hearts, with all that we be - lieve;  
with us as we try our wings, and keep us safe from harm.

We turn, O God, to you for guid-ance and for grace. In  
To choose the way of life, re - ject the way of death, un -  
To seek an - oth - er's good, to hon - or what is right, to  
All good and per - fect gifts come to us from your hand. O

all our days, in all our ways, help us to seek your face.  
til the ra - diant force of God fills mind and strength and breath.  
let our will and our de - sire be held in ho - ly light.  
help us use them care - ful - ly and live by love's com - mand.

When the Rev. Walter J. Mathams of London wrote this hymn for use at Christian Endeavor and Sunday School conventions, he did not realize it would receive wide circulation. It was introduced in the United States in 1913 in Worship and Song.

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.  
George J. Elvey, 1868