

*Hymns*12.1.12

## **O Spirit Come, Renew Your Church**

“...with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Luke 3:16;      “... so that they may be one, as we are one.” John17:11;  
“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” 2 Peter 3:8

O Spirit come, renew Your Church

and set our hearts ablaze!

Enliven us with Christ-like love;

unite us all in praise.

Though numbers shrink and churches close,

may You refresh our song.

Come, warm our hearts, stretch out our hands,

so others will belong.

Help us persist in thought and prayer,

let Scripture light our way

to trust in You, who died and rose,

to grow the Church today.

Call us to act with nerve and heart,

dare us to take a stand,

reclaim the Church’s social voice,

and help reform the land.

O Spirit, come, renew Your Church,

as spring renews the earth.

Help us to hope, and grow in grace,

O Source of all rebirth.

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