



## HYMN PREVIEW

# When God the Spirit Came

### ***Note to Worship Planners:***

Hymn 478 is suggested in the Year C Planner for June 5, the Day of Pentecost. This features a new tune for a text from CW93, #187. The tune is vigorous, with bold harmony. It's worth learning, but it will take some effort from both the organist and congregation. (The first setting in the hymns accompaniment volume is much easier than the second; the second is featured here:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=WC3eVm9Ry-c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WC3eVm9Ry-c).) Depending on your congregation's comfort with learning new things, you might give the first four stanzas to a soloist or choir, alternating between the two accompaniment options to create more musical interest. Then the congregation can join in for stanza 5. Or if your congregation learns more easily, they can sing stanzas 3 and 5.

Share the following message by email or social media to give even more boost to people's first experience with this new tune.

### ***Message:***

Our Pentecost worship this coming weekend features a powerful new hymn, #478 "When God the Spirit Came." Here are recordings of this hymn: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzsD5xjPQpM&t=63s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzsD5xjPQpM&t=63s) and [www.youtube.com/watch?v=WC3eVm9Ry-c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WC3eVm9Ry-c). And here's the same tune but with a different text: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cbgb2f2xAsg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cbgb2f2xAsg).

If you listen to these before Sunday, the new hymn will be more familiar to you when we sing it for the first time. The music is sturdy, even defiant, with bold harmonies. You can hear in it the "blowing of a violent wind" from Pentecost (Acts 2:2). You can sense in it the confidence with which the early church testified to the risen Christ. There's a place for simple and gentle tunes – but also for this gutsy music.