

# Hymn Lyrics

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## Christ had regained the sky

Christ had regained the sky,  
to send down whence he came  
the promise from on high,  
made in the Father's Name;  
his own await the hour  
that seals their coming power.

The mystic destined day  
of sevenfold circling years  
speeds onward on its way  
to herald hopes and fears;  
to set the bondmen free:  
great year of Jubilee!

Within the temple there  
in silence all lay hushed  
down, at that hour of prayer,  
sudden the whirlwind rushed!  
Not voiceless as of old,  
God's presence now it told.

And cloven tongues of flame  
the Word's full warmth inspire;  
and from the Father came  
the lamp of living fire,  
to fill the faithful heart,  
and light and life impart.

The Holy Ghost on each  
the gift of tongues hath poured,  
to tell in varied speech  
the wonders of the Lord!  
And Babel's work undone  
he binds the Church in one.

Parthian and Elamite,  
and strangers far and near,  
Greek, Arab, Proselyte,  
their own loved language hear:  
all lands where man hath trod  
shall hear the voice of God.

Though Israelites combine  
with infidels to mock,  
nor drunkenness nor wine  
the faltering lips unlock,  
but different tongues confess  
God's truth in soberness.

Outspake the apostle bold,  
how God fulfilled his word,  
and prophets had foretold  
the coming of the Lord;  
by dream and vision known.  
The Spirit seals his own.

Christ, may the Comforter

from God the Father come,  
and grace and power confer,  
and guide us to thy home!  
Renew the face of earth,  
and give the world new birth.

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For Pentecost; literal rendering of Acts 2:1-16