



**Holy Comforter**  
**February 5 – March 12, 2023**  
**Between 9am and 10am Services**  
**Van Every Room 207**

**The Bible As It Is Presents**

**SIX CONVERSATIONS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER: OUTLINE OF THE FAITH, OR CATECHISM**

Last spring the Vocare brethren of Holy Comforter embarked on a study of the Catechism. This took several weeks and resulted in many interesting discussions. One of the most thought provoking was that part of the Catechism pertaining to the Holy Spirit. Neil Coghill led this session and in preparation posed six compelling questions which will be the basis of our conversations in the Bible As It Is for the next six weeks; we will discuss one question each week. Please note that Neil's original instructions included the reading of an excerpt from William Wordsworth's *Tintern Abby*, a copy of which is attached. Also, please take note of the sixth question which will constitute or sixth and final discussion in this series. Join us in what promise to be stimulating and uplifting conversations.

**Six Questions on The Holy Spirit**  
**Posed by Neil Coghill**

In addition to the Q&A's at BCP 852-853, please read the excerpt from William Wordsworth's *Tintern Abbey* and consider the following questions at one each week.

**February 5, 2023**

1. Why does talking about the Holy Spirit seem so difficult? With the exceptions of Pentecost Sunday and Trinity Sunday, how many sermons have you heard on the Holy Spirit?

**February 12, 2023**

2. What is the relationship, if any, between the Holy Spirit and the human soul? Is the Holy Spirit "the ghost in the machine"?

**February 19, 2023**

3. What is the relationship, if any, between the Holy Spirit and spiritualism? What do folks mean when they say they are “more spiritual and less religious”?

**February 26, 2023**

4. Where do you find the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life? What role does the Holy Spirit play in how you live your life?

**March 5, 2023**

5. Was William Wordsworth referring to the Holy Spirit in the highlighted lines from *Tintern Abbey*? If not, to whom or what was he referring? Explicate.

**March 12, 2023**

6. How is the Holy Ghost described in The Creed of Saint Athanasius at BCP 864-865 different, if at all, from the Holy Spirit described in the Catechism?

**From William Wordsworth's *Tintern Abby***

—And I have felt  
A presence that disturbs me with the joy  
Of elevated thoughts; a sense sublime  
Of something far more deeply interfused,  
Whose dwelling is the light of setting suns,  
And the round ocean and the living air,  
And the blue sky, and in the mind of man:  
A motion and a spirit, that impels . . .