**Spirit who defies defining**

*(a litany for Pentecost by Silvia Purdie)*

Spirit of God, who defies defining

You of many names

Beyond our controlling or image-ing

We praise you! We welcome you! We need you!

Spiritus Sanctus, Wairua Tapu

Sacred and Holy and Wonderful

Infinity who chooses intimacy

Breath of God, Pneuma

Breath of life, wind of heaven

You hovered over creation

Blow through us

Holy fire, flame of Pentecost

Renew passion in our hearts

for the salvation of the world

Power of God, Dynamos

Transform our weary souls  
Enable us to speak and act boldly

Gift-giver, Charisma

Pour out talents on your people

Build your church

Embrace of God, Awhi, Paraclete

Comforter and friend

Close beside us in every moment

Aroha, Agape

Draw together a people who love

Spirit of unity, Spirit of peace

Sophia, Wisdom, Inspiration

Open our minds to truth

Open ancient scriptures fresh

for every time and place

Teacher, trainer

Sanctify us, change us

Grow us up in Christ

to be who we truly are

Spirit of Jesus

The same power that worked every miracle

That burst open the tomb

Bring us to Jesus

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