Pentecost 2016 Sacred Spirit Sunday

Sin. Suffering. Straying sheep.

  Suffering saddens Sovereign,
  so Sovereign sends sole son.

Summoning sheep, Son shepherds, shows sinners salvation.

Son’s successful shepherding scares suspicious Sanhedrin,
  so Sanhedrin spurns Son.

Sovereign’s Son suffers slander, scorn, spite, scheming.
  Son sentenced, scourged, stretched, slain, side speared.

Son solemnly spice shrouded. Stone secures sepulcher.
  Supreme sorrow!

Sorrowful sheep scatter. Simon slumps. Saturday sees sarcophagal silence.

Sunday’s sunrise sees sensational scene.
  Supplanted stone surprises snoozing sentries.
    Sentries search sepulcher. See shroud sans son!

Savior’s solution – servanthood, submission, soul surrender, sacrifice –
  Secures salvation!

Supreme sacrifice smashes Satan’s scepter,
  shatters sin’s seductive slavery.

Seething, Satan sighs, screams – seized, subdued, stifled.

Security! Salvation! Shalom!
Second scene:
Savior’s summoned servants sit sternly, sequestered, scared.

Souls still stunned, sorrowful. Struggling, somber, sullen –
Servants seek some small sign.

Suddenly, Savior stands, speaking shalom,
showing side, shocking servants.
Savior send sweet, Sacred Spirit.
Shimmering, scintillating, soaring, sizzling Sacred Spirit.
Sweet scented, subtle, sanctifying Spirit.
Swiftly searching, seeking, scrutinizing;
Sculpting, shaping, splendid Spirit!

Spirit severs silence. Sudden, swift, supernatural sounds!
Such startling, stellar, satisfying, sacramental sound: Salvation’s symphony!

Sinners, servants – soon shepherds, saints slowly stand.
Sinfulness, selfishness sifted, softened, subdued;
Serving spirit supplied. Souls stirred, surrendered.

Sweet, sweet surrender! Strong, secure, steadfast:
Souls stretch, spiraling skyward!
So stand Savior’s sworn servants!

Searching scriptures storehouse, saving story’s source,
Servants show saving sacrifice’s scriptural seed.
Spontaneously speaking salvation,
Sharing scripture, suddenly sage,
Servants stun spectators. Shalom suffuses sermons.

Savior smiles!

Sacred Spirit shapes story’s stewards.

So starts Savior’s shepherding succession.

Saints sing! Stars shine! Souls soar!

So …. Sinners, servants, soon saints …

Stop slumbering, stumbling, stammering.

sin snared, self-satisfaction, self-absorption,

sow shame.

Savior severs sin’s stronghold, slays serpent,

Subdues selfish, sin sickness.

Seek soul’s sole solace, serenity’s supreme source!

Search sacred scriptures.

Summon Savior’s sweet spirit!

Study Spirit’s saving school!

Share Spirit’s sevenfold, supporting strengths:

Sustaining, stretching, shaping, sanctifying.

Souls Spirit sealed + shine servants!!

Submit. Surrender. Savor sweet, sweet Spirit.

Spanning sky, soaking souls, scripting story;

Supplying speech, singing salvation,

Sovereign, subtle, swift, sublime, superlative Sacred Spirit!
Savior still summons.
Sent Spirit still strengthens, stretches, shapes, sanctifies.

   Sincere servants still submit.

Surrender, sinners, servants, stewards, saints!
Submit, surrender … Spirit suffused,

   Sing salvation’s song! Share saving story! Serve sweet Savior!

   Soar, Spirit sent!