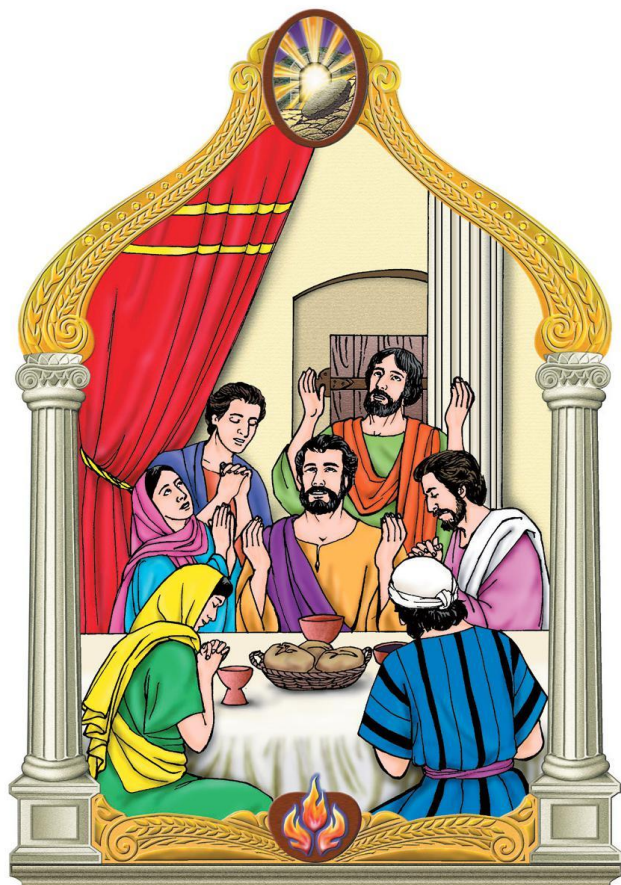


**13<sup>th</sup> Station**  
**THE DISCIPLES PREPARE TO RECEIVE**  
**THE HOLY SPIRIT**



**Leader:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you!

**All:** Because by your Resurrection you gave life to the world. Alleluia!

**Read Acts 1:12-14.**

**Reflection**

All those who are called to work for the Kingdom will always experience a feeling of unworthiness and inadequacy, together with the need to be enlightened, guided and strengthened by the Spirit.

The job is far too demanding. Yet, some Christians seem to consider the presence of the Holy Spirit as a dispensable add-on.

Others plan their lives and apostolate as if Mary had nothing to do with Jesus and with the Holy Spirit, in the plan of God for the salvation of mankind.

Are we aware that without the Spirit we cannot accomplish the wonderful mission entrusted to us by the Lord? Are we aware that Mary is our best ally, our best teacher from whom we can learn how to welcome the Spirit and collaborate with him?

**Prayer**

Forgive our pride, Lord. • For so long, and so many times, • we have planned and acted • as if everything depended on us, and us alone. • And so our lives have become crammed with failures – • failures that stall the Kingdom • along the highway of history . . . • Forgive our forgetting that the Kingdom is yours and that we are just laborers in it. • Forgive our losing sight • of the motherly presence of Mary in our midst, • and her power to help us. • Realizing our inadequacy, • we fall on our knees and pray with Mary:

“COME, HOLY SPIRIT, WE NEED YOU!”

**Appropriate Song**