Gracious and Loving God,
as we await the Pentecostal Fire of your Love
that built your Church,
we remember and trust in the words your angel spoke
to our Mother Mary.
That like her—the Holy Spirit may come upon us,
and the power of the Most High overshadow us.
And that out of the shadows,
we bring to bear the magnificent life of your Son, Jesus Christ,
whose very body we are.

O Jesus, Eternal Emmanuel—God With Us—
you who in Word and deed taught us how
to love, heal, pray, sacrifice, reconcile and make peace,
teach us again to become more like your Father
whose very image you are.

Help us RE-IMAGINE the church of St. Monica, your body,
in light of our times, our quarantine: “40 days.”
The same 40 days that marked your life in the barren desert.
The same 40 days lush with your Easter Resurrection
and awaiting your Ascension.

God, Father and Son,
send now your Holy Spirit and renew the face of our ailing world.
Pour down upon us the sevenfold gifts of your Spirit:
wisdom, understanding, counsel,
courage, knowledge, piety,
and fear of the Lord—
As we, your family of faith,
set out to re-imagine the face of our parish community
in these uncertain, challenging times of pandemic.
May we live with confidence
in your promise to be with us always, till the end of time.

Send down your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth.
Send down your Spirit, O God, and enlighten us with the Fire of your Love.

Lord, guide our work to faithfully RE-IMAGINE our parish life,
true to the very image and likeness we are in you.
We ask this in your holy name. Amen.