From the arranger

Some time ago it occurred to me as being rather odd that Pentecost hymns are generally quiet, unexciting, sometimes even somber. I suppose that might stem from the scriptural allusion to the Holy Spirit descending as a dove, a traditional symbol for peace. But Pentecost is described in the Bible as a totally joyous and exhilarating event that left the disciples in a state of magnificent transformation, ready to go forward to do God's work with a mighty zeal and enthusiasm. In these arrangements, I've hoped to recapture at least some measure of that overwhelming power, love, joy, and excitement the disciples must have experienced on that life-changing day. Hopefully you may find some of it filtering into your own life as you play these arrangements.

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