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THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST ENDS THE SEASON OF EASTER – 50 DAYS AFTER RESURRECTION SUNDAY

THEME: 'EMPOWERED IN THE FILLING'; THE PASSION & THE POWER OF GOD'S PRESENCE

SYMBOLS: DOVE, FIRE, WIND

CELEBRATES THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S SPIRIT "THE SAME DYNAMIC, CREATIVE ACTIVITY OF GOD WHICH WAS THERE AT THE BEGINNING OF TIME; WHICH EMPOWERED JESUS; AND IS NOW PRESENT IN THE CHURCH." (MARK OAKLEY, A GOOD YEAR P. 104)

MARKS THE FIRST OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT DESCRIBED BY LUKE IN ACTS 2. IT IS THE DAY 'THE CHURCH' WAS BORN; THE DAY THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS UNLEASHED ON THE CHURCH TO REACH THE WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL.

IT IS ALSO A TIME TO FOCUS ON GOD'S PASSIONATE LOVE FOR US (HEB 12:2 JESUS... WHO FOR THE JOY SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS; JOHN 3:16 FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD... ROM 5:8 BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE FOR US IN THIS: WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.

CONSIDER HOW GOD'S SPIRIT GIVES WITNESS TO JESUS CHRIST, EQUIPS US, GIVES GUIDANCE, CALLS US, COMFORTS US, GIVES US GIFTS, REVEALS TRUTH, PROTECTS US AGAINST SPIRITUAL DARKNESS, PROVIDES POWER FOR WITNESS AND SERVICE.

A TIME TO REMEMBER THE GREAT WORKS OF GOD'S SPIRIT IN TRANSFORMING LIVES, HEALINGS, DELIVERING PEOPLE, BRINGING JUSTICE AND GENEROUSLY REVEALING HIMSELF. A TIME TO REMEMBER THE GREAT REVIVALS AND EXAMPLES OF LIVES RADICALLY SURRENDERED TO GOD'S WORK IN THE WORLD.

A TIME TO SEEK GOD'S SPIRIT FOR WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING, COURAGE, KNOWLEDGE AND FAITH. TO ASK GOD FOR A RENEWED AWARENESS OF HIS SPIRIT AND OPEN OURSELVES MORE FULLY TO THE SPIRIT'S REIGN IN OUR LIVES.

REMEMBER, THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ALWAYS CONFOUNDING OUR EXPECTATIONS, SLIPPING OUT OF OUR RESTRICTIVE IDEAS, AND OPENING NEW DOORS FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

JN 14:15-17 JESUS PROMISES TO SEND THE HELPER (PARACLETE = ADVOCATE, HELPER, CONSOLER, COMFORTER, INTERCESSOR)

PRACTICES

- 1. BAPTISMS**
- 2. SINGING/RECITING OF VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS**
- 3. FLAGS/BANNERS IN REFERENCE TO THE WIND OF THE SPIRIT**

IMPROVISING: RED FLOWERS, PIN WHEELS/WIND CHIMES/KITES,



Wind of God,

Blow far from us:

All dark despair, all deep distress,
 All groundless fears, all sinful desires,
 All satan's snares, all false values,
 All selfish wishes, all wasteful worries.

Blow into us:

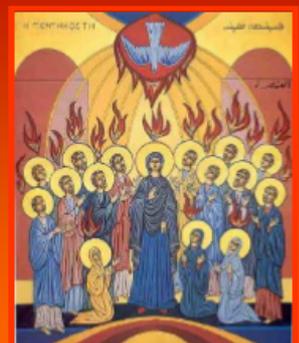
Your holy presence, your living love,
 Your healing touch, your splendid courage
 Your mighty strength, your perfect peace,
 Your caring concern, your divine grace,
 Your boundless joy.
 Wind of God, blow strong, blow fresh,
 blow now. *Amen.*



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ GEN 1: 1-2; LK 3:21-22 (FRI 12/10) □ ACTS 1 (SAT 13/10) □ ACTS 2: 1-13 (MON 15/10) □ ACTS 2: 14-28 (TUES 16/10) □ ACTS 2: 29-47 (WED 17/10) □ EPH 6-10-20 (THURS 18/10) □ JN 14:15-17; 17 (FRI 19/10) □ EZEKIEL 37:1-14 (SAT 20/10) □ ACTS 4: 23-37 (MON 22/10) □ ACTS 10: 34-48 (TUES 23/10) □ 1 COR 12: 1-11 (WED 24/10) □ GAL 5: 16-26 (THURS 25/10) 	<p>LECTIO DIVINA ("DIVINE READING", PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. READ – WHAT DOES IT SAY? 2. MEDITATION – WHAT IS STANDING OUT TO ME? WHAT IS THIS SCRIPTURE SAYING TO ME? 3. PRAY – SPEAK TO HIM ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE MEDITATED ON 4. CONTEMPLATION – SPEND TIME LOOKING AT HIM AND LETTING HIM LOOK AT YOU. CREATE SPACE THAT IF GOD WANTS TO GIVE YOU A SPECIAL GRACE GIFT IN RELATION TO THIS PASSAGE, HE WILL. IF NOT, JUST RELAX WITH HIM. 5. ACTION – WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT THIS?
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Litany of the Holy Spirit

Spirit of love and truth, have mercy on us
 Spirit of wisdom and understanding, have mercy on us
 Spirit of right judgment and courage, have mercy on us
 Spirit of knowledge and humility, have mercy on us
 Spirit of grace and prayer, have mercy on us
 Spirit of peace, have mercy on us
 Spirit of reverence, have mercy on us
 Spirit of wonder and delight, have mercy on us
 Holy Spirit, the Comforter, have mercy on us
 Holy Spirit, the Healer, have mercy on us
 Gift of God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us



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