

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT PENTECOST

WORD OF THE WEEK JOHN 20: 19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

You can read a full account of Pentecost in Acts 2: 1-13.
[Click Here](#) to read this alternative Word of the Week.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Jesus, we are gathered here today, in a simple room,
just like those first disciples.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit.
Empower us to be changed.
To be who you created us to be.
Fill us with the gifts of your spirit.

We pray together...

*Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, why will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.*

In this week's Word of the Week, we find the disciples hiding in fear after Jesus' crucifixion. Jesus appears to them and offers them peace, showing them His wounds to prove that He had truly risen. Jesus breathed on them and gives the disciples the Holy Spirit, empowering them to continue His work, forgive sins, and bring peace to others.

The Holy Spirit helps guide, comfort and inspire us too. It's like a special friend who is always there to help us make good choices, understand God's will and God's love for us. Just as the Holy Spirit empowered the first disciples, it also empowers us today. We can rely on the Holy Spirit for strength and wisdom daily.

How might you need the Holy Spirit to guide you in your life? Take a moment in silence or use one of the worship songs below to invite the Holy Spirit into your life to guide and strengthen you.



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SOMETHING TO LISTEN TO

- Holy Spirit- Kari Jobe ([Click Here](#))
- Holy Spirit Living Breath of God- ([Click Here](#))

WHAT IS PENTECOST?

Pentecost is the celebration of the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples. It is celebrated 50 days after Easter and marks the beginning of the Church's mission to spread the message of Jesus. In other words it is the Church's Birthday!



The Holy Spirit gave the disciples the courage and the power to speak in different languages and share the Good News with people from all over the world.



SOMETHING TO READ...

Come, Holy Spirit,
like wind through the trees,
Whispering courage on hearts that freeze.
Come like fire, burning bright,
Lighting up fear with heaven's light.

We stand like the disciples, unsure and small,
Hiding in rooms with walls too tall.
But You break in, no locked door stays,
When love like Yours ignites our days.

Flames on heads, a storm inside,
Truth no longer needs to hide.
Tongues of hope, bold words to say,
A brand-new dawn, a Spirit-day.

So blow through us when doubt takes hold,
Make shaky hearts brave and bold.
Let every teen who prays this cry
Feel heaven's breath go rushing by.