



With Christ in Our Hearts, together we grow

Our Lady of Peace

Feast of Pentecost

The Holy Spirit comes.....He is seated at the right hand side of the Lord.

Introduction

Today we are celebrating the Feast of Pentecost, which the Jews celebrated fifty days after Passover. Today we celebrate the birthday of the Church and hear how Jesus sent his Holy Spirit to the disciples, just as he had promised to do.

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A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-42

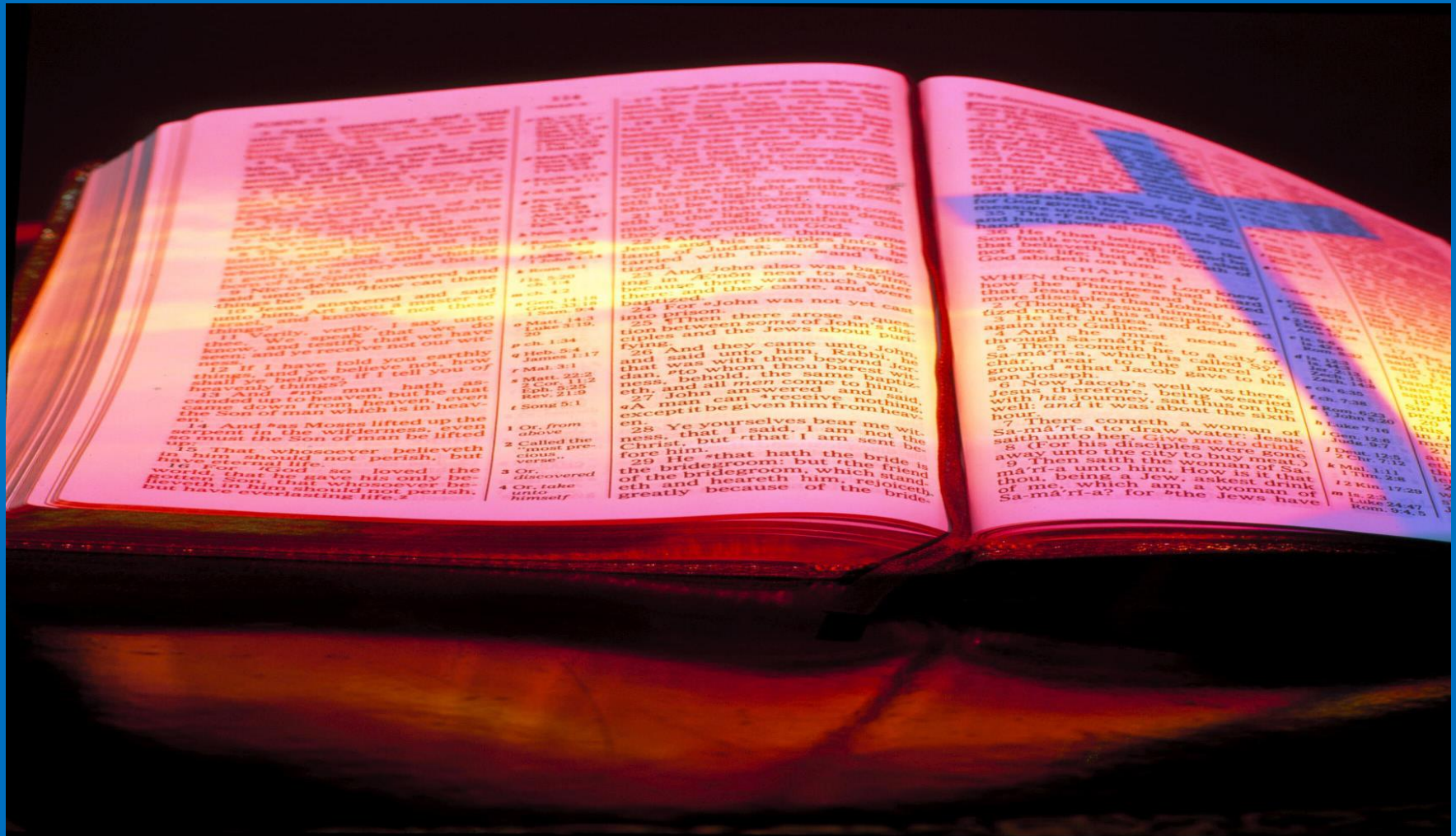
The disciples had gathered together in Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost and to wait for the Holy Spirit that Jesus had promised to send. One day as they were praying together, the room was suddenly filled with the sound of a powerful wind which roared through the house. Then, what looked like small tongues of fire appeared and spread out to touch each one of them. So it was that they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

At once, in their excitement, they rushed outside to tell everyone what had happened to them. As they began to speak, they were amazed to find that they could talk in foreign languages that they had never spoken before. People from lands far and wide gathered in a crowd to listen to these men from Galilee. They were amazed, and came to believe in Jesus.

So it was, from that day onwards, the disciples went around telling everyone about Jesus, and sharing all that he taught them. They were no longer afraid, for wherever they went, Jesus went with them. His Spirit lived inside them, and they would never feel alone again.

The word of the Lord

Response Thanks be to God



Reflection

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit



Reflection

The Holy Spirit appeared as a small flickering flames which rested above their heads. The flames were no ordinary flames, they were signs of God's Spirit coming to fill the lives of the disciples with the light and warmth of God.

The Holy Spirit made others understand the disciples, even though they did not speak the same language. The Holy Spirit filled them with courage and power so they could stand up before the crowds and preach and work miracles in God's name.

The Holy Spirit also brought seven gifts: Joy, Love, Patience, Kindness, Understanding, Reverence (respect) and Courage. The gifts helped the disciples to be able to go and spread the message of Jesus.

The gifts of the Spirit help us to follow the right path on our journey through life towards heaven, they fill us with Gods' goodness.

When do we receive the Holy Spirit?

Baptism and confirmation

Pentecost is the Church's Birthday- 7 gifts-each and everyone of you should use these gifts & spread the word of the Lord.

How did the Spirit change them?

I would like you to close your eyes and think about how the disciples must have felt after Jesus had gone to Heaven. Perhaps they felt sad and frightened. Imagine how they felt when they heard and felt this mysterious wind and when they realised it came from inside the house and everything outside was calm.

Prayer

Lord God

Come, Holy Spirit and fill our hearts with your love.

Work through us to bring Jesus to those who do not know him, so that we may share this love with others.

Today we promise to try to show love to another person. Let us remember we are special people asked to do a special job. We spread the love and gifts of God to others by what we do, what we say and how we treat others we meet.

With Christ in our hearts, together we grow.

Amen

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