

Week of May 31, 2020

Lectio Divina for the Solemnity of Pentecost

GOSPEL: John 20: 19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Meditation:

What word or words in this passage caught your attention?

What in this passage comforted you?

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

"Receive the Holy Spirit."

What gifts have I received from the Holy Spirit?

How can I place these gifts at the service of the community?

Children's Liturgy of the Word

(Suggested for children ages 3 - 5)

Gospel...Feast of Pentecost - *The Holy Spirit comes!*

May the love of God's spirit burn in our hearts.

Acts 2: 1-42

The disciples had gathered together in Jerusalem to celebrate the feast of Pentecost. 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 had taught them. They were no longer afraid, for wherever they went, Jesus went with them. Now his spirit lived inside them, and they would never feel alone again.

The Word of the Lord.

Activity:

Pentecost is the Church's birthday. Celebrate Us, the Church! And pray together,

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

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