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Pentecost Sunday

May 31st, 2020

The feast of Pentecost celebrates a very important moment in the life of the church. Although we are not able to gather to celebrate that deciding moment for the church it ought to give us comfort in these trying times.

Listen to Luke's account of Pentecost in the Acts of the Apostles: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in on place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Luke describes a great moment when the Holy Spirit came on the followers of Jesus and therefore on the early Church. It was a joyful event for them. They had been through strange events the past months so they had gathered to talk and to remember the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. It was a time of grieving and uncertainty. They left their gathering joyful and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

During these turbulent times we are spending a lot of time talking, sharing our experiences, fretting about the future, grieving the loss of our 'normal' way of life. It is comforting for us to remember that the Spirit is with us as we live through these uncertain times.

Celebrate the gift of the Spirit this weekend – pray for the gifts of the Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord, wear red, drink a glass of wine, curse the virus and pray for the guidance of the Spirit on our scientists and medical people who are searching for a vaccine. Stay safe.

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