

# Getting Ready for Sunday!

19 May 2024





## **The Feast of Pentecost**

## Some Signs and symbols of Pentecost

The Paschal Candle is beside the Baptism Font now as a sign that we receive the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation.



The celebrant will be wearing red today representing the flames which came down on the heads of the disciples as they waited in fear for Jesus to fulfil His promise to send the Spirit.



This Sunday we celebrate Feast of Pentecost.

This is the last day of the Easter Season!

This is the day on which the disciples received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, one of which was courage, so that they could go out and proclaim the message of Jesus without being overcome by fear.

We too, as Baptised members of Christ's Body have been given the same gifts to tell others of Jesus and to live as He did in the Gospels.

When we use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit we then produce the fruits of love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

As today is a very special day in our church calendar, the first reading and the Gospel story are in this presentation.

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles and tells us about the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples.

The Gospel gives an account of Jesus' telling the disciples that He would give them the power of the Holy Spirit so that they could continue His mission of healing and sharing the Good News.

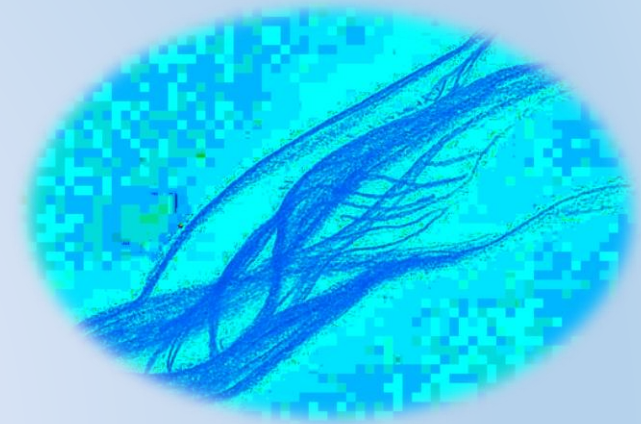
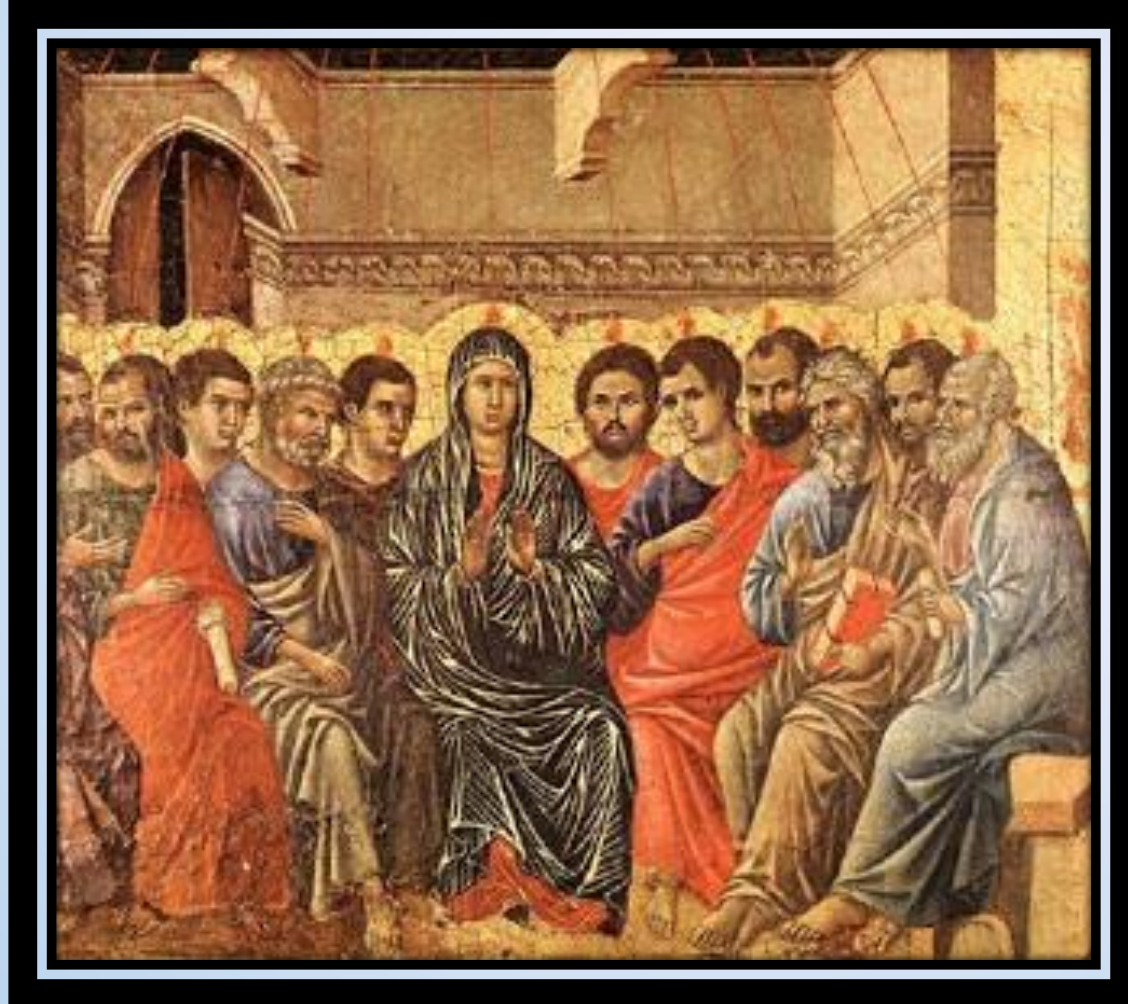
The Acts of the Apostles were written by St Luke and may be found in the Bible just after the Gospels.



# Acts 2: 1-11



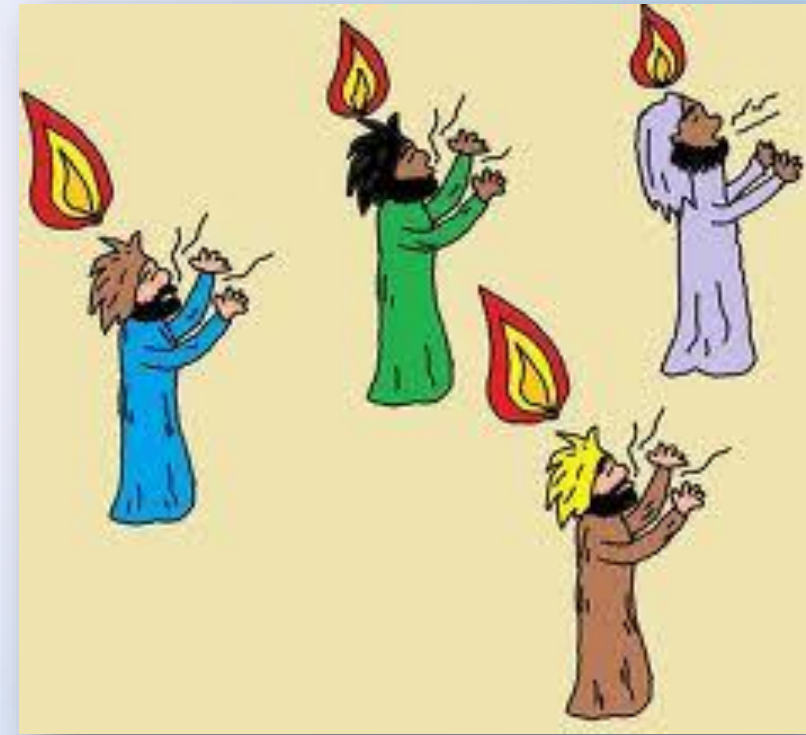
When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.



They were afraid and lonely without Jesus!



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.



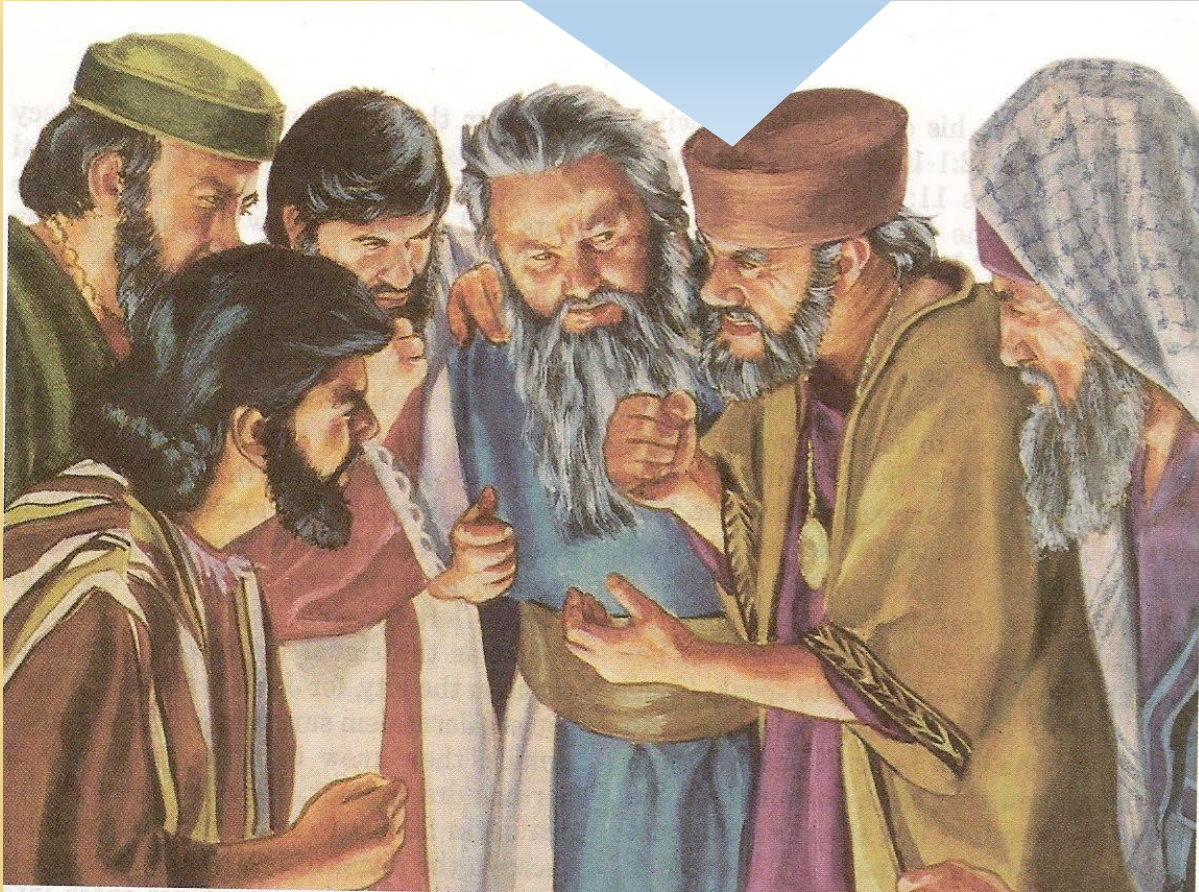
Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked:

Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?





And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.



Have you ever been surprised to discover that someone you know could do something you hadn't realised before?



# John 20:19-23



## Jeremiah 14-16

11 O LORD our God: therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things.

### CHAPTER 15

*Judah's Repentation for Manasseh's Sin*

1 THEN said the LORD unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward this people: cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth.  
2 And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the LORD: Such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for the captivity, to the captivity.

3 And I will appoint over them four kinds, saith the LORD: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy.

4 And I will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hez-e-ki'ah King of Ju'dah, for that which he did in Jerusalem.

5 For who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem? or who shall bemoan thee? or who shall go aside to ask how thou doest?

6 Thou hast forsaken me, saith the LORD, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee: I am weary with repenting.

7 I will fan them with a fan in the day of wrath: I will bereave them of peace, saith the LORD: I will destroy my people, since they have not from their ways.

8 Their graves are increased to me, because of the number of them: for I have said, I will visit their iniquity: I will visit them for their iniquity, saith the LORD.

12 Shall iron break the northern iron, and the steel?  
13 Thy substance and thy treasure will I give to the spoil without price: that for all thy sins, even in all thy ways.

14 And I will make thee to pass through thine enemies into a land which thou knowest not: for a fire is kindled in mine anger, which shall burn upon me, and visit me, and knowest thou persecutors; take me, and revenge: you have suffered rebuke, know that for thy sins, and thy words were found, and I did not call by thy name, O LORD God of Israel.

15 LORD, thou knowest mine affliction, and thou hast rebuked me, and thou hast said, Why hast thou wept, and thou hast said, Why hast thou mourned? for thou hast said, Thou shalt not be buried, nor shalt thou be mourned for: thou shalt be as the chaff, and thou shalt be as the water that passeth away.

16 Thy words were found, and I did not call by thy name, O LORD God of Israel. I sat alone, and I wept, and I fasted, and I said, Why have I seen mine affliction, and why have I seen mine sorrow? for thou hast said, Thou shalt not be buried, nor shalt thou be mourned for: thou shalt be as the chaff, and thou shalt be as the water that passeth away.

17 I sat not in the assembly of mockers, nor rejoiced: I sat alone, and I wept, and I fasted, and I said, Why have I seen mine affliction, and why have I seen mine sorrow? for thou hast said, Thou shalt not be buried, nor shalt thou be mourned for: thou shalt be as the chaff, and thou shalt be as the water that passeth away.

18 Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? why do I weep, and my eyes are running with tears, and my bowels are troubled, and my heart is vexed, and I have not peace, because of the voice of mine enemies, because I have not peace, because of the voice of mine enemies, because I have not peace, because of the voice of mine enemies.

19 Therefore thou shalt stand before the LORD, and thou shalt say, Hear, O LORD, my prayer, and thou shalt answer me, and thou shalt stand before the LORD, and thou shalt say, Hear, O LORD, my prayer, and thou shalt answer me, and thou shalt stand before the LORD, and thou shalt say, Hear, O LORD, my prayer, and thou shalt answer me.

20 And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brazen wall, and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee, saith the LORD, and I will deliver thee, and I will save thee, and I will deliver thee, and I will save thee, and I will deliver thee, and I will save thee.

21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will deliver thee out of the hand of the terrible, and I will deliver thee out of the hand of the terrible, and I will deliver thee out of the hand of the terrible, and I will deliver thee out of the hand of the terrible.

### CHAPTER 16

*Judah's Consolation Foretold: Israel's Desolation*

1 THE word of the LORD came also unto me, saying,

2 Thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD, My people shall be desolate, and they shall be as the wilderness, and they shall be as the wilderness, and they shall be as the wilderness, and they shall be as the wilderness.

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## Jeremiah 16, 17

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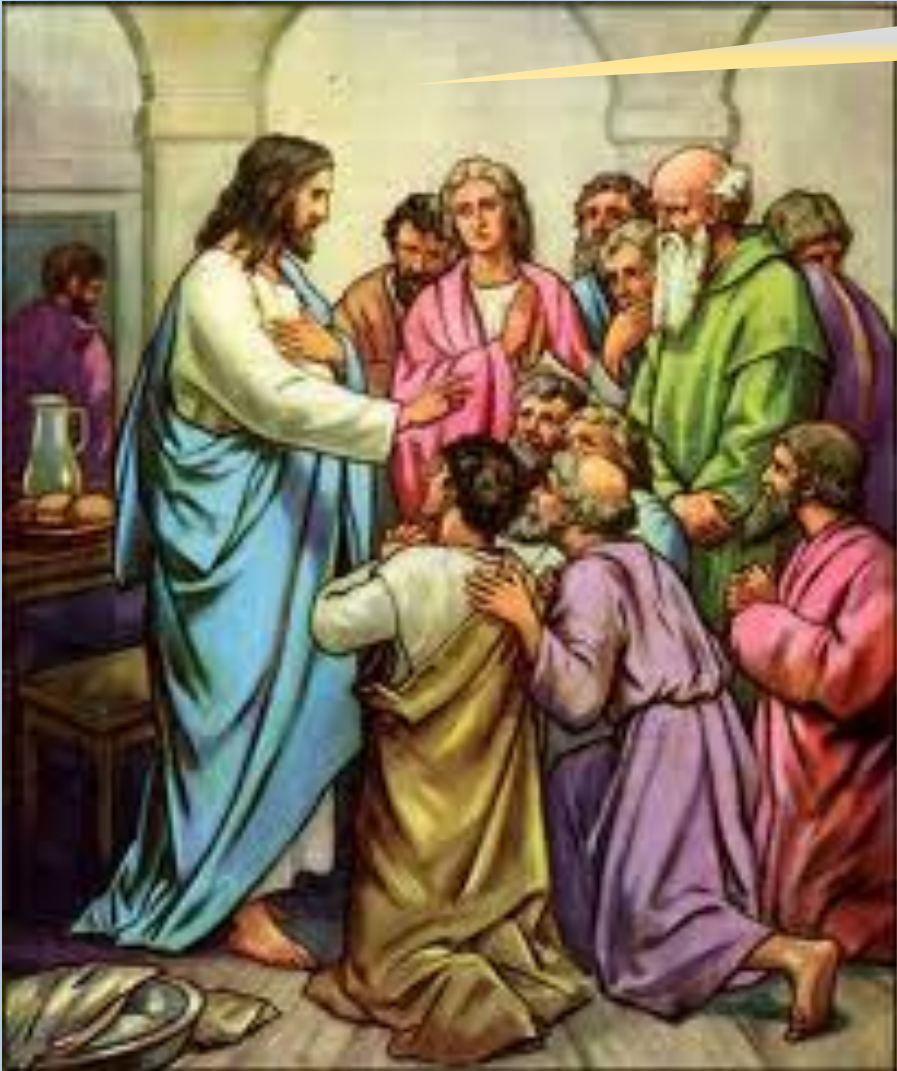


When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews,



Jesus came and stood among them and said:

Peace be with you.



After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.





Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again:



Jesus appears to the disciples by William Hole

Peace be with you.

They thought that God had abandoned them!

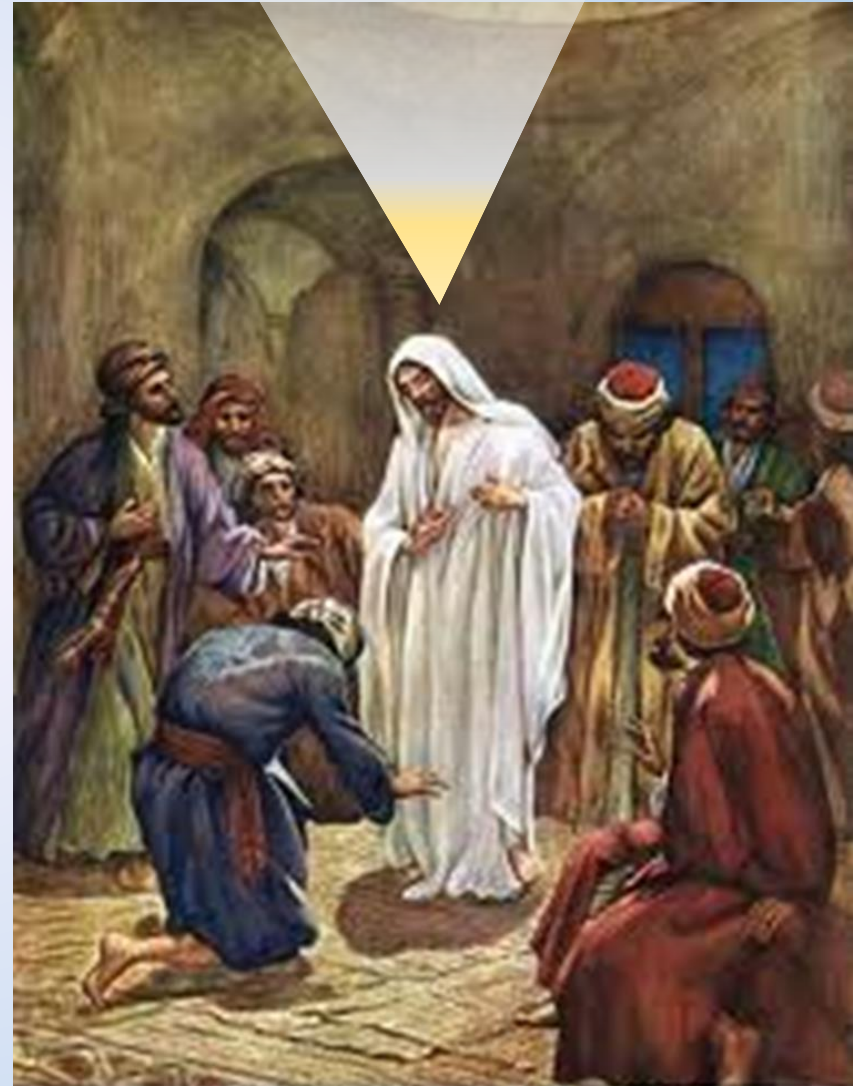
Have you ever felt like that?

**As the Father has sent me, so I send you.**

**Jesus didn't just come among us to make us feel good!**

**He came to show us the way to build God's kingdom of love!**

**What is God sending you to do today?**

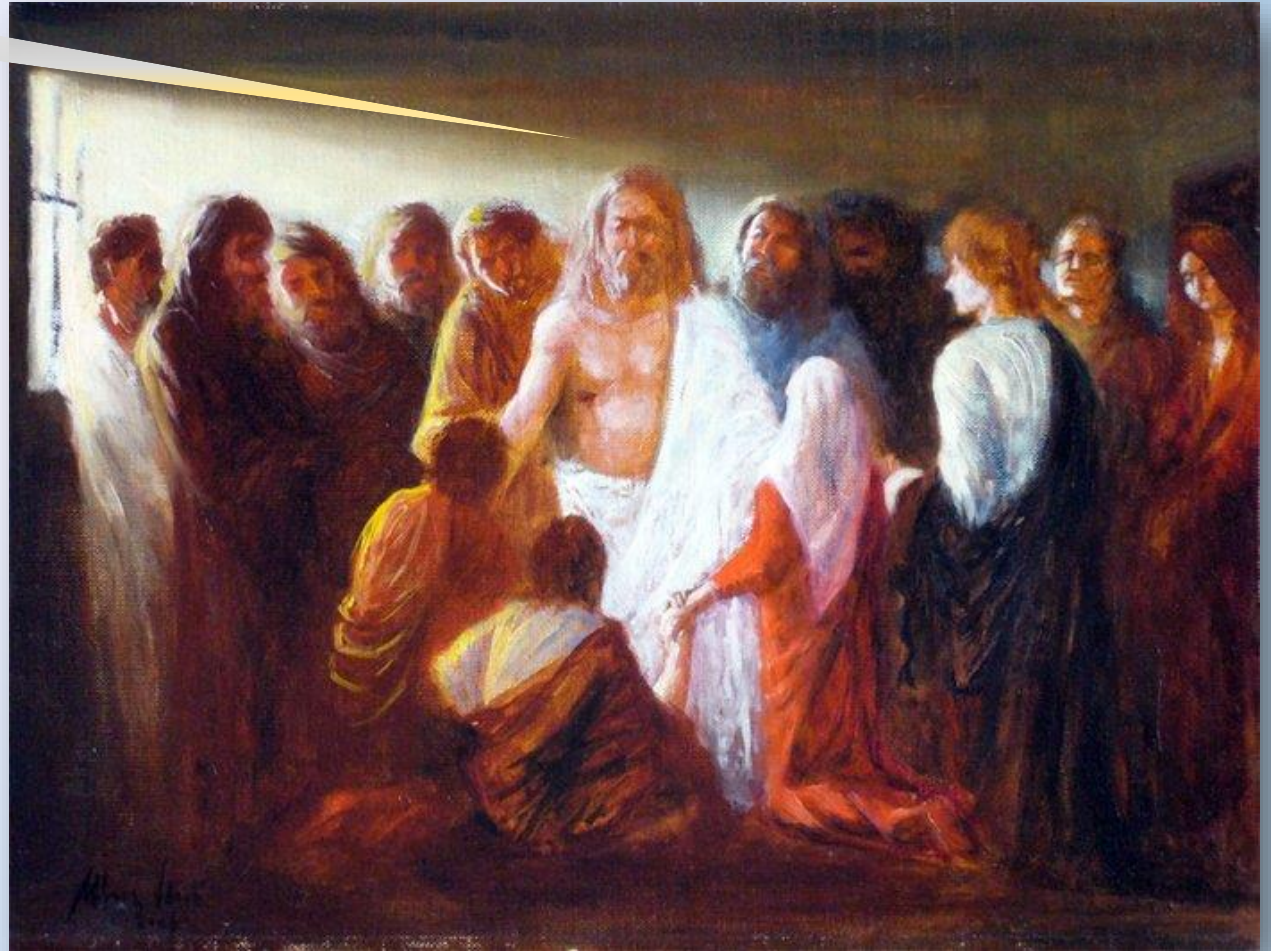


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When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them:

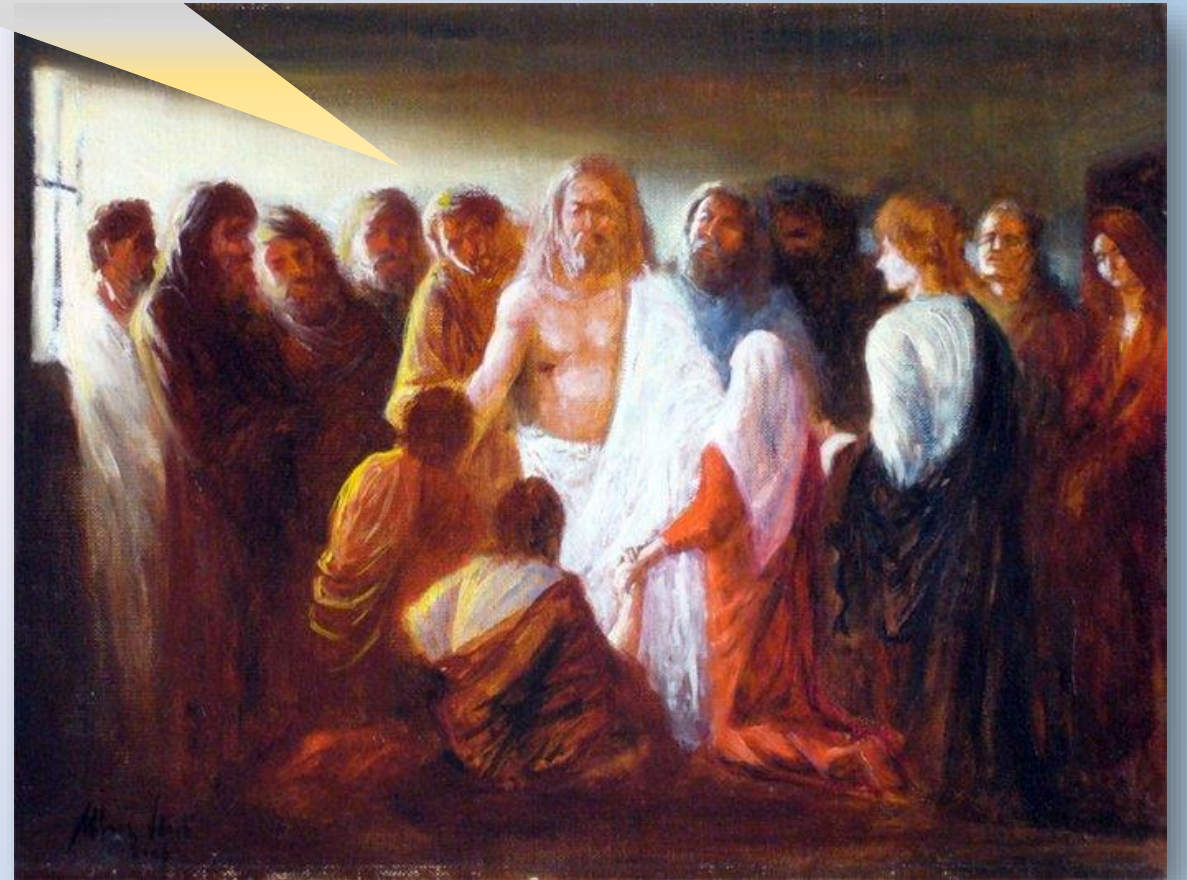
Receive the Holy Spirit.



If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;  
if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.

When we forgive others, we are sharing God's forgiveness and building the connections of love between people and God.

We also do so in the Sacrament of Reconciliation when we own our sin and ask for forgiveness.





# Bible Search

Read Acts 2:1-11 and John 20:19-23 in your family Bible - these are the First Reading and the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



# Activity

**Write down what you feel and think as you read or hear the story.**

**Draw a picture to show the message that you got from today's Gospel!**





# Consider



*When has the Holy Spirit given you all that you needed at a time when you thought you couldn't manage?*

*What gifts has the Holy Spirit given you recently?*

# Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to accept the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Ask God to help you to bear  
the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

