

PENTECOST

What is Pentecost?

Pentecost is when the Disciples experienced the Holy Spirit for the first time.

Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter.

Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world.



The story of Pentecost



The Disciples had been hiding out of fear that they would be arrested for being a follower of Jesus. All of a sudden, the Holy Spirit came like a fire upon them.

"All of them began to speak in foreign languages as the Holy Spirit gave them the gift of speech. People were bewildered to hear these many speaking in their own language."
Acts 2:4-6

What does the Holy Spirit look like?

To be honest, we do not know. Nobody has seen the Holy Spirit. However, you can feel it. The Bible describes it in many different powerful images:

Mighty like fire

Gentle like a dove

Captivating like a storm

Soft like a light murmuring sound.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God, as is the Father and as is the Son.

It is the Holy Spirit who, since the very beginning, fills creation.

It is the Holy Spirit who spoke through the prophets.

It is the Holy Spirit through whom Mary became the Mother of God.

It is the Holy Spirit who freed the disciples from their fear at Pentecost.

It is the Holy Spirit who brings the divine into Church.

It is the Holy Spirit who makes you, me, all of us a dwelling place of God.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Trustfulness, Gentleness and Self-control

Galatians 5:22-23

Confirmation is the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit.

