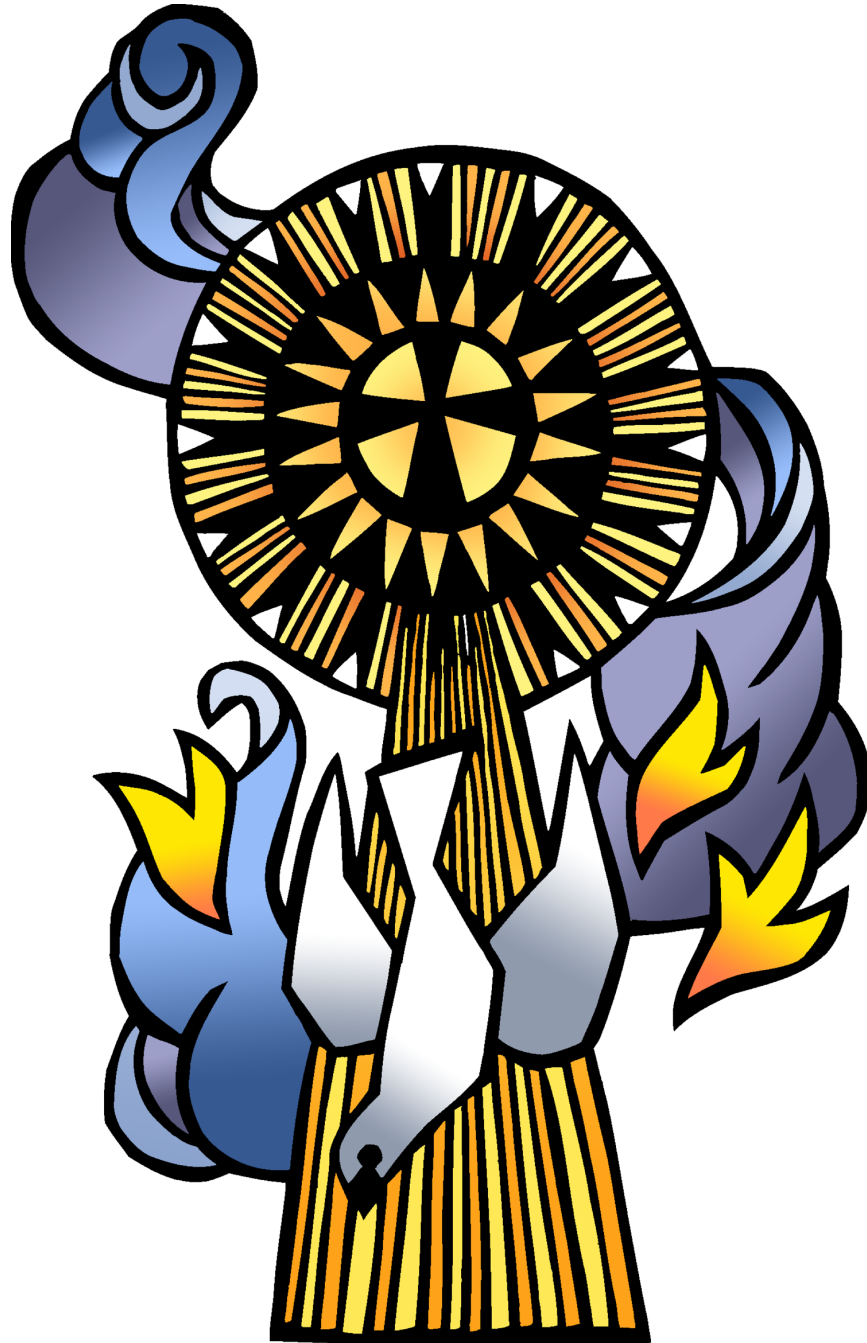


Pentecost Sunday



May 31, 2020
10:30 AM

Join us for our livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit/>
or <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ>
Zoom Coffee Hour: URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>



Everyone is welcome. As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

May 31, 2020

Worship Live Stream at 10:30 AM on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit or our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ to see the livestream or access the video archive. **Worship bulletins** are located: <https://www.stjohnssummit.org/bulletins>.

Giving Is Important. The church is not closed. We continue to operate during this pandemic and seek to meet the needs of many in our congregation and community. We count on your generous offerings to continue to do our robust ministry. If you are able, please give generously. You may [give online](#) or mail checks to the church.

Zoom Children's Time is each **Sunday** at **9:30 AM**. Join: <https://zoom.us/j/374109491>.

Youth Zoom Meeting, TODAY at **7:00 PM**: Join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87162633366>.

Spiritual Practices for a Pandemic: The Power of Psalms and Prayer. Join us for some simple spiritual practices that can strengthen us for the living of these days, **Tuesday, June 2, 7:00 PM**. Join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85750287178>

Evening Prayer: We will be offering a 30-minute service of Evening Prayer, **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM** on both our Facebook and YouTube pages.

Hymns of Faith: Pastor Blake will be offering a faith formation opportunity to explore the history and spirituality of many of our favorite hymns. **Wednesdays at 10:30 AM**. Each week is independent—join when you can. Zoom Join URL: <https://zoom.us/j/97268221619>.

Trinity Sunday, next **Sunday, June 7**, our service will be a joint service with the other ELCA churches of our cluster. The Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, will be our preacher.

Book Study: Join us to study *Grace Will Lead Us Home*. On June 17, the ELCA will have our first Commemoration of the "Charleston Nine," the African American children of God who were murdered while at Bible study in Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston, SC by a young man raised in an ELCA congregation. This is the story of how survivors and a community torn apart by racism and violence begin to heal. **Tuesdays, 5:00 PM, June 16, 23, 30**. Books are available for free in the church office. Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89281885352>

Pastoral Care During Covid-19: During this time it is important for the whole congregation to care for one another. If you have a health, mental, or emotional concern, please do not hesitate to reach out to [Pastor Moore](#) or [Pastor Scalet](#).

Need Fair Trade Chocolate, Coffee or Tea? Contact [Jane Bowman](#) to make arrangements to purchase and pick up your supplies.

Old Smartphones: If you have an old smartphone that can still record or view videos that you would be willing to lend or donate to the church, we can use them. Call the church office to arrange a drop-off.

Prayer Before Worship

Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us in the language of our hearts, that we may hear your Word with understanding and answer your call with confidence. Amen.

From *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A, Vol. 1*

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE Improvisation on *Veni, Creator Spiritus* By Noel Rawsthorne (1929–2019)
Organ
Setting of *Nun bitten wir* (Now Pray We to the Holy Spirit) By J. S. Bach
(1685–1750)
Virtual Recorder Ensemble

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Through baptism, we are God's people—called to faith by the Holy Spirit, redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus, and made children of God forever. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism and pray for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

How manifold are your works, O Lord!

(Based on Psalm 104)

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

Come, Holy Spirit!

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

Come, Holy Spirit!

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.

Come, Holy Spirit!

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

Come, Holy Spirit!

GATHERING HYMN 400 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

Verses 1, 2, 4, 5



Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.
1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.

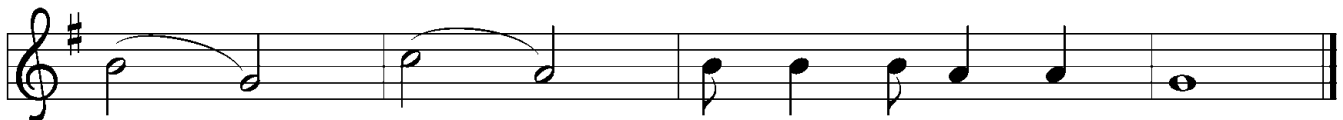


Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.

Refrain



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
nor rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment,
doubt into certainty. *Refrain*

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
which you alone assure. *Refrain*

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NJOOKWETU, ROHO MWEMA, Wilson Niwagila

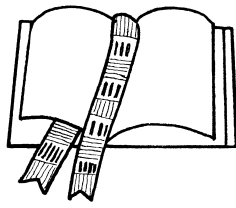
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. ***The assembly responds:*** Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b–13

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 174 Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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GOSPEL John 20:19–23

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When 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.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 574 Here, I Am Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, we confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy, . . . **Hear our prayer.** *Response at the conclusion of the prayer: Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER

And now let us pray as our Savior taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, or want information about mailing checks, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org/giving. You may also contact the church office for more options.

1. O day full of grace that now we see
appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be
abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
your name on our hearts emblazon.
2. O day full of grace, O blessed time,
our Lord on the earth arriving;
then came to the world that light sublime,
great joy for us all retrieving;
for Jesus all mortals did embrace,
all shame and despair removing.
3. For Christ bore our sins, and not his own,
when he on the cross was hanging;
and then he arose and moved the stone,
that we, unto him belonging,
might join with angelic hosts to raise
our voices in endless singing.
4. God came to us then at Pentecost,
the Spirit new life revealing,
that we might no more in death be lost,
its pow'r over us dispelling.
This flame will the mark of sin efface
and bring to us all true healing.
5. When we on that final journey go
that Christ is for us preparing,
we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
all joy of the heavens sharing,
and there we will join God's endless praise,
with angels and saints adoring.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921-2001, alt.
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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Remember the promise of the Lord!

God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness,

Interceding with sighs too deep for words.

The Spirit of God renews the earth.

Bless the name of the Lord!

Let us pray. God of all power and might, we praise you that you forged your Church in the fire of the Spirit, and breathed life into people that we might be the body of Christ. We rejoice that our Lord came to rescue us from sin and to deliver us beyond the grave to a rebirth and newness of life. Sustain us with the gift of your Holy Spirit; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Almighty God—the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

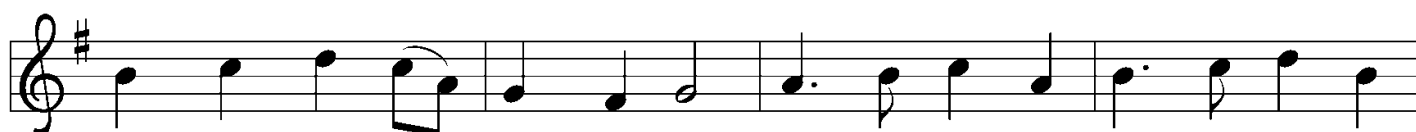
SENDING HYMN 400 God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



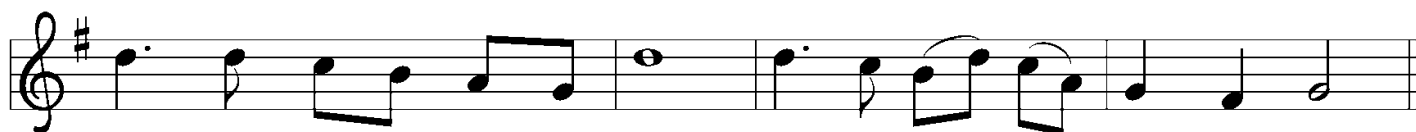
1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Setting of *Cwm Rhondda*

By Paul Manz (1919–2009)

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this joyous service!

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR: URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>

Social Ministry Note:

We will be highlighting different organizations helping those in need. So many are struggling right now, and it can be difficult to know where to give. We hope this provides information on the current needs of these organizations.

Highlight: Bridges

Bridges serves homeless and low-income individuals in NYC, Newark and Irvington each week. Bridges is conducting outreach in Newark daily, until 11 p.m. All food distribution is currently done by Bridges staff. **Ways to help:** Financial support, sustainable lunches, and toiletry kits. The Social Ministry Committee gave \$500 to cover the cost of lunches members would have made since March 15. Please visit Bridges at www.bridgesoutreach.org to learn more.

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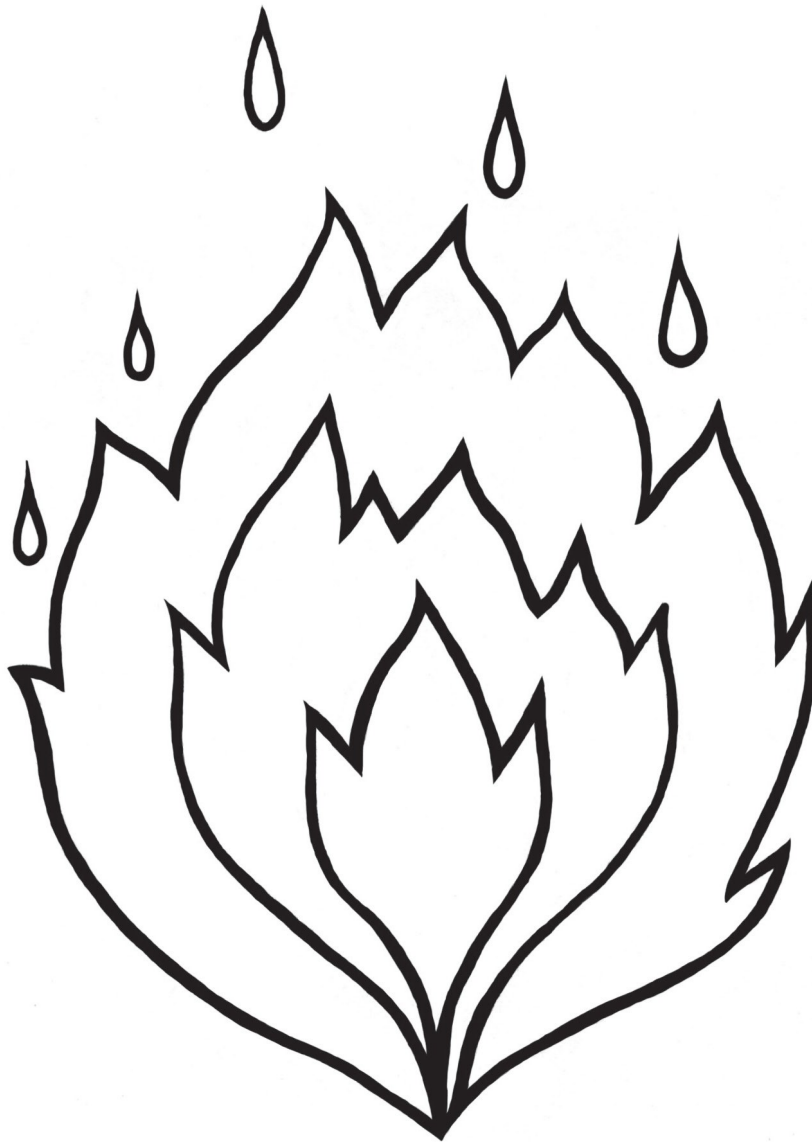


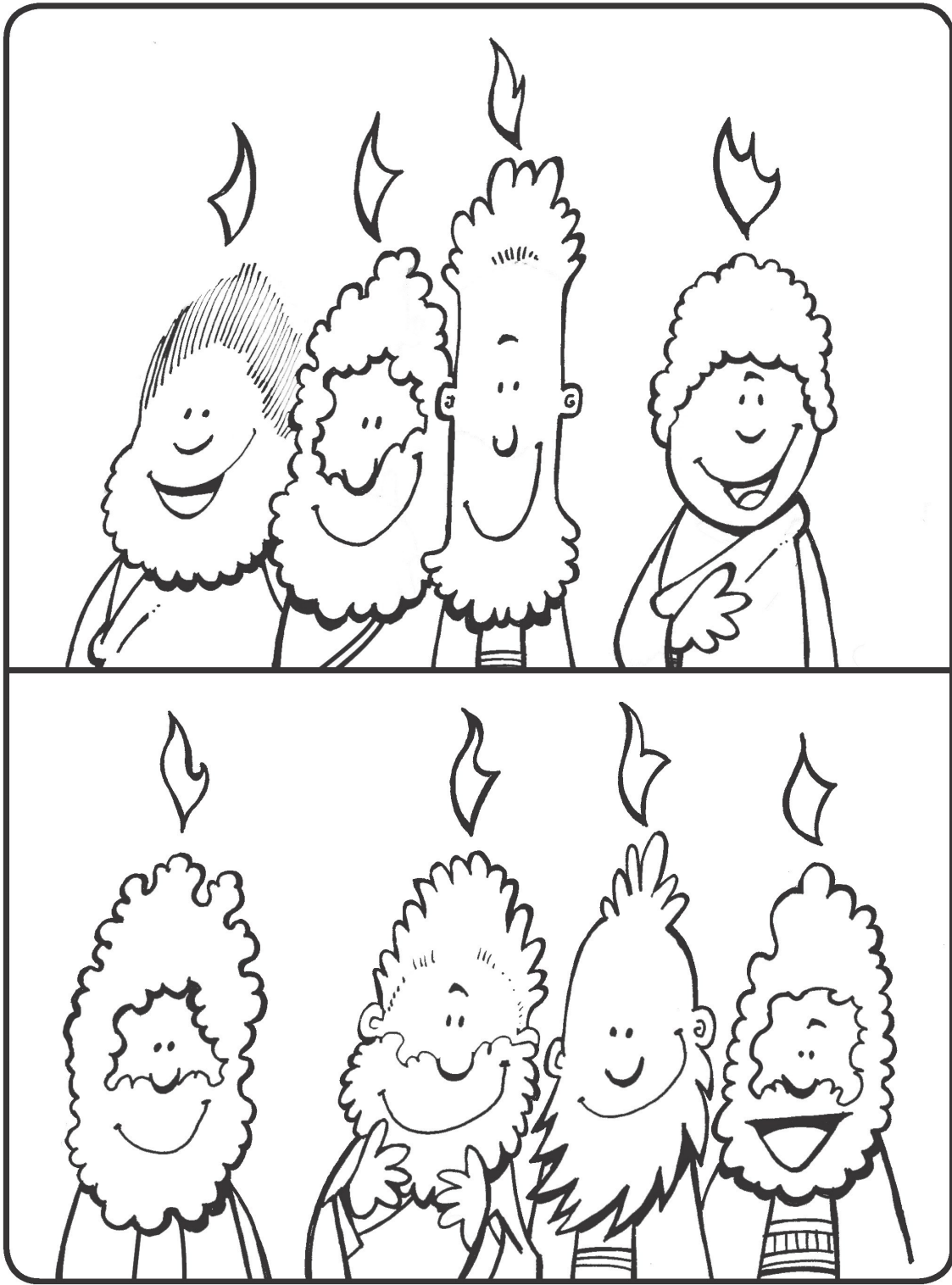
PRE-READER

Day of Pentecost

- Today is the **Day of Pentecost**.
- A **flame** is the symbol for the Day of Pentecost.
- **Red** is the color on this day.

Color these flames.





This was the very beginning of the Christian church.



The church started on Pentecost many years ago. Today we say that Pentecost is the birthday of the church. Happy birthday, church!

Draw some candles on this cake to show how old YOU are. Then color in the gifts. Who is a great gift to the church today?



Look around your worship space today.

Can you find these red things?



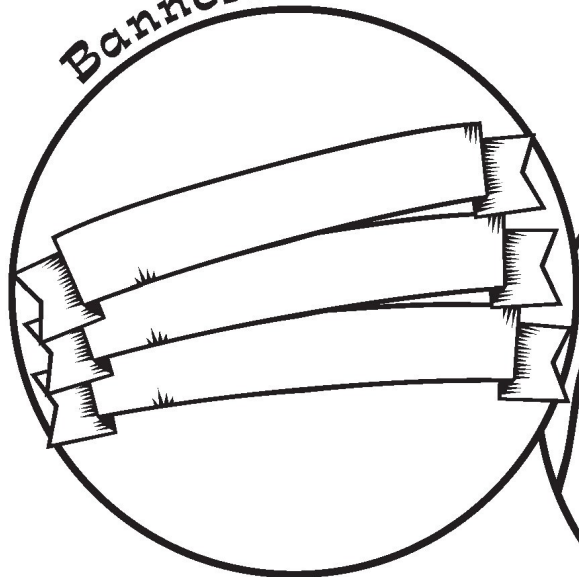
People's clothing



Parament cloth on the altar



Banners



Pastor's stole





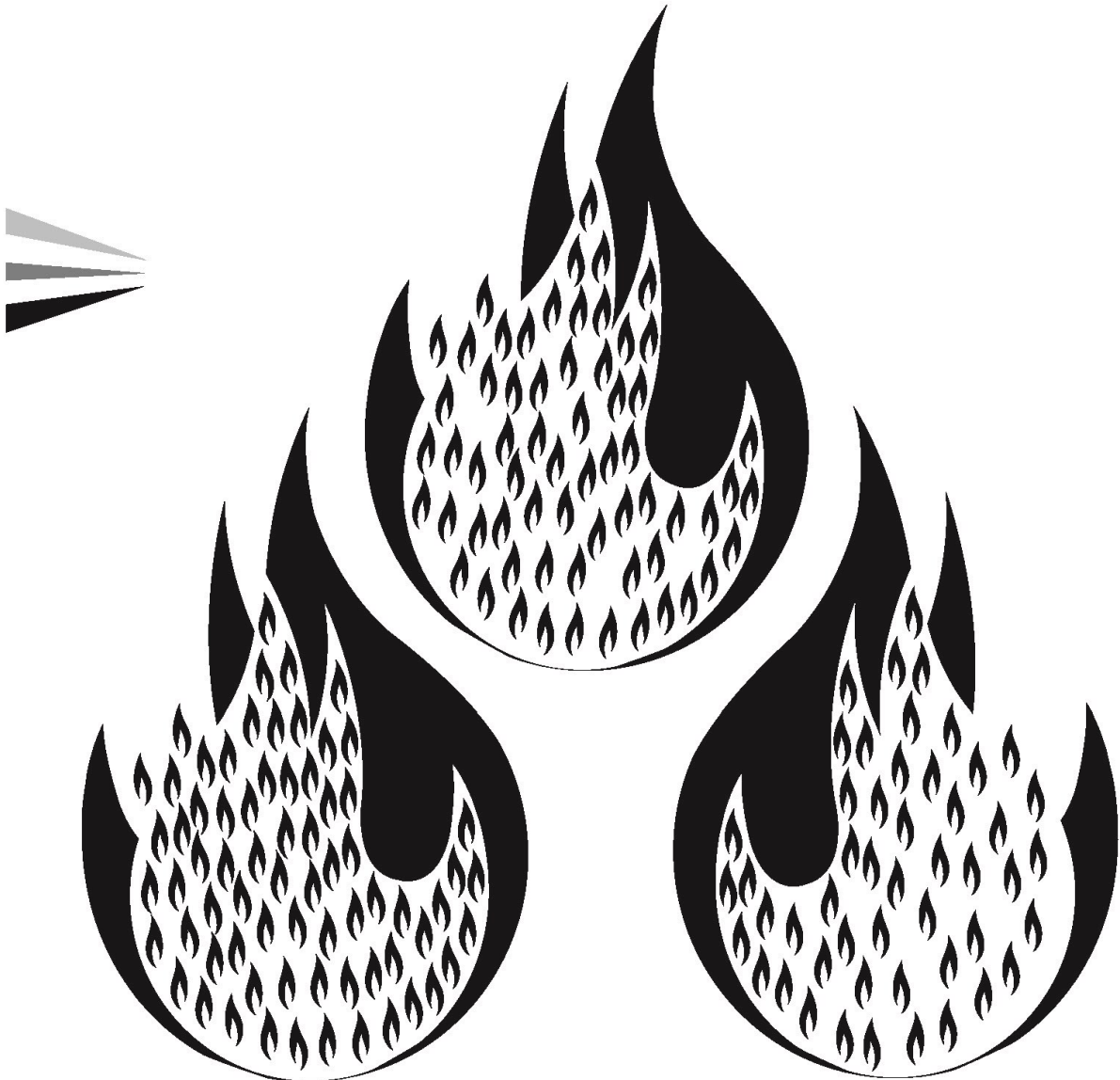
READER

Day of Pentecost

- Today is the **Day of Pentecost**.
- The Day of Pentecost happens **50** days after **Easter Day**.
- The color for the Day of Pentecost is **red**.

50 Count

Which of these flames has 50 inside?



These Bible verses are from the story of the Holy Spirit, but some of the words are in another language! Try to translate the words.

Memory Verse



All of them were filled with the **Wairua**
Tapu and began to speak in other **lingue**, as the **Wairua**
gave them **s'exprimer**. Acts 2:4

Then everyone who calls on the name of the **Bwana** shall be saved.
Acts 2:21

All of them were filled with the _____ and began to speak in other
_____, as the _____ gave them _____.

Acts 2:4

Then everyone who calls on the name of the _____ shall be saved.

Acts 2:21

Finding Five

5 5 5 5 5 5 5

When *pent*, *penta*, or *pente* starts a word, it means five. See if you can match up these pent- words with their meanings.

Pentecost

The first 5 books of the Bible

Pentagon

An athletic competition with 5 events

Pentathlon

A musical scale with 5 notes

Pentateuch

A shape with 5 sides

Pentatonic

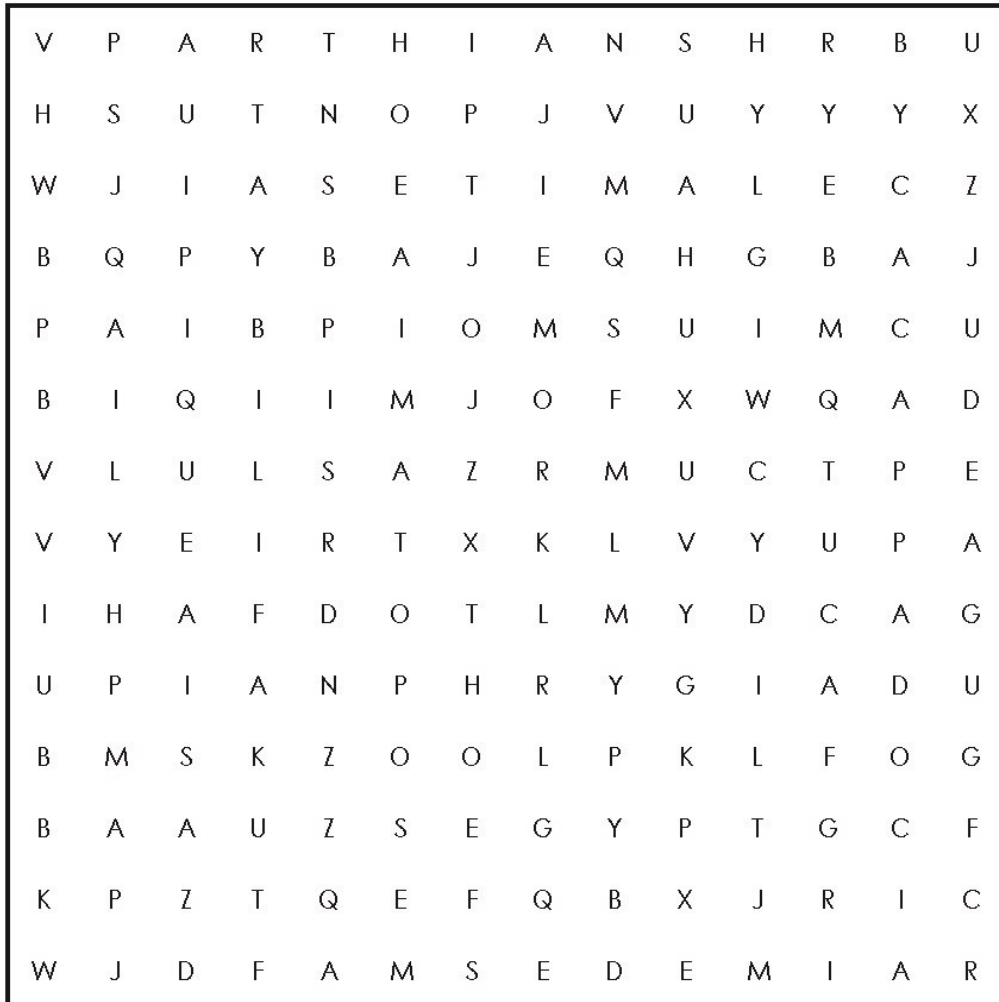
The day that happens 50 days after Easter

5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5



God's Word All Over

When Jesus' disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, they could speak in many languages. Try to find all the places mentioned in verses 9 and 10.



Parthians
Medes
Elamites
Mesopotamia
Judea

Cappadocia
Pontus
Asia
Phrygia

Pamphylia
Egypt
Libya
Rome



Bible Tip!

The book of Acts continues the stories about Jesus from the gospel of Luke. It is filled with stories about the acts of Jesus' apostles.

Acts mentions many names and many places.

Maybe you've heard of some of them!

Answer Key for Memory Verse
Bwana means Lord in Swahili
Wairua Tapu means Holy Spirit in Maori
Lingue means languages in Italian
s'exprimer means ability in French

Seeing Red

Look around your worship space. You may see red. You may see flames and fire. You may see images of a rushing wind. Imagine that your pastor has asked you to decorate his or her Pentecost stole. (That is the piece of cloth that many pastors wear around their necks.) Draw your design here. Use color and shapes of fire and wind.

