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Prayer: Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to me with Your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in my heart the holy fire of Your love that in a true and living faith I may tell abroad the glory of my Savior, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Father, One God, now and forever. AMEN



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- Confession of Sins

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First Lesson – Ezekiel 37:1-14 – Can These Dry Bones Live?

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 51b (Lit. pg. 87 – Sung by Monica McInnis)

Second Lesson– Acts 2:1-21 – Pentecost Sunday

Gospel Lesson– John 14:25-27 – Jesus Promised the Holy Spirit

The Apostle’s Creed – (Pg. 19)

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Offering Prayer

Prayer of The Church

Lord’s Prayer (Traditional Version)

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Closing Hymn **C.W. 185**

SERMON TEXT: Acts 2:1-4

Vs. 1 – When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

Vs. 2 – Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Vs. 3 – They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

Vs. 4 – All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

GREETING: I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better.

Just before returning to heaven (Ascension) Jesus directed His disciples to go to Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit. The Comforter, the Counselor of Truth.

Acts 1:8 – “**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**”

(See also: John 14:26; Jn. 15:26)

Luke 24:49 – “**But stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.**”

Therefore, after Jesus had Ascended into heaven, the disciples remained in the city of Jerusalem and waited.

Jesus did not specify how long they would need to wait.

As New Testament believers, we know that God sent that special outpouring of the Holy Spirit 50 days after the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, but the disciples did not know, thus they only had to wait 10 days.

How are you at waiting? Waiting in line at the store – waiting for a B-day party - waiting to get your driver’s license – waiting to land that big job – waiting to graduate from H.S. – waiting to go to college – waiting to get married – waiting to retire – waiting to get relief from some pain either physical, emotional, or spiritual pain?

Remember that Mankind had to wait a long time for the fulfillment of the Promise of the Savior which God 1st made in the Garden of Eden to Adam and Eve. Mankind needed to wait about 4,114 years.

Finally, Jesus came into the world and fulfilled the law perfectly and then died.

After Jesus died on the cross of Calvary Jesus was in the grave for 3 days - those 3 days brought great fear to the hearts of the disciples as they hid behind closed doors.

The disciples waited for the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

Jesus then spent 40 days after the resurrection appearing to the disciples and giving them many convincing proofs of His resurrection. (Acts 1:3)

Then comes Pentecost, 10 days after the Ascension of our Lord Jesus into heaven.

Pentecost was an O.T. Celebration established by the Lord for His people Israel, at the time of Moses.

It was actually the Feast of Weeks – A Thanksgiving / Harvest celebration.

God had established in Leviticus chapter 23 that the Children of Israel were to bring their First Fruits to the Lord, and this Feast of Harvest was 50 days after Passover. The Feast of Weeks is also referred to by two other names – Feast of Harvest / Day of the First Fruits.

The Feast of Weeks was one of the three main Jewish Festivals:

– The Passover – The Feast of Weeks – The Feast of Tabernacles.

As the disciples were waiting Scripture tells us:

Vs. 2 – Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Vs. 3 – They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

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It is on this 50th day after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead, that God fulfilled the promise to send that special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This special outpouring of the Holy Spirit would jump start the New Testament Church with 3,000 being baptized in a single day. And this all happened after Peter's Sermon.

The disciples saw the tongues of fire rest upon them, and they were enabled by the Holy Spirit to speak in various different intelligible languages.

Acts 2:9-11 - Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

How many different languages are you able to speak?

How long does it take to learn to speak another language?

The disciples were enabled without months or years of study but immediately!

The sound wind and sight of the flames of fire brought together a large crowd of people from all the nations listed. Each person present then heard The Wonders of God Proclaimed in their own Language.

What a blessing!

What a Miracle!

The proclamation of God's Word led the People in the crowd to ask:

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Their Question led Peter to preach a sermon of Law and Gospel. The Law which shows us our sin and The Gospel which shows us our Savior Who Died for the Sin of the World and Who is Risen from the Dead and victorious over Sin death and the Devil.

It is the Holy Spirit who Creates Faith and Who gives us the Courage and Zeal to proclaim the Word of God Boldly and Accurately.

Imagine if after Jesus Lived and Died and Rose from the Dead and Ascended into heaven, what if everything came to a full stop!

What if after Christ has won our Salvation and it is Done / Finished, we just sit around doing nothing?

No! We need to proclaim the Word of God as the Holy Spirit enables us.

It may not result in 3,000 being baptized in one day, but the proclamation of the Word of Christ has brought you to faith and now we can proclaim the Wonders of God's Creation and Salvation in Our Own Language.

Now we continue to wait! We are waiting for the 2nd coming of our Lord Jesus on the Last Day when Jesus shall raise all the dead, and take us and all believers to our heavenly home.

And so, we wait, and pray, and proclaim the Message of Salvation in Christ Jesus our Risen Savior to others while we wait. AMEN.

THEME: Waiting For The Holy Spirit.