WEEK 7

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

Music/Hymn Suggestions: Spirit Of The Living God (Daniel Iversen); Come Holy Spirit (Susan Bailey)

Sign of the Cross.

Leader: Let us begin with our morning offering:

All: Loving God,
I offer to you this day
all my prayers, thoughts, words and actions.
Be with me throughout this day
and help me to show your compassion to all I
meet.
Protect me from any unkind word or act
and help me to remember that nothing is going to
happen to me today that you and I together can't
handle.
Amen.

Leader: Our prayer time this morning reflects
on Pentecost Day, the day when the Holy Spirit
came to the followers of Jesus, just as Jesus had
promised. Let us go back to that first Pentecost
Day and listen to a reading from the Acts of the
Apostles, which describes what happened.

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.
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.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Reflection
After the Holy Spirit came to the followers of Jesus,
they were changed people. They were no longer
frightened or unsure. Instead they courageously
and confidently went out to teach others the
Good News about Jesus. The Holy Spirit was
working in them, helping to bring them new
gifts and abilities. The Holy Spirit is with each
one of us, too. Our Baptism and Confirmation
were celebrations of the Holy Spirit with us
in our lives. The Holy Spirit brings us gifts like
wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage,
knowledge, reverence and wonder and awe in
God's presence.

Let us spend a few moments this morning thinking
about these gifts. Can you recall a time when you
saw wisdom or understanding in yourself? (Pause)
Can you remember a time when you showed right
judgement or courage? (Pause) Was there a time
when you grew in knowledge or reverence? (Pause)
Have you experienced times of wonder and awe in
God's presence? (Pause) Give thanks to God now
for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Ask God to help you
to be more aware of the Holy Spirit in your life
as you go through life's changes and difficulties.
(Pause) God gives us the Holy Spirit. We ask that
the Holy Spirit may influence us more as we say
our prayers this morning. The response to the
prayers is: 'Be with us, Holy Spirit.'

Reader 1: When we live with indifference, we learn
to ignore. When we live with love, we learn to give.
Be with us, Spirit of Love!

All: Be with us, Holy Spirit.

Reader 2: When we live with sorrow, we learn
to be sad. When we live with joy, we learn to
appreciate our life. Be with us, Spirit of Joy!

All: Be with us, Holy Spirit.