

“TAKE 10 - Worship While Away” (Sunday, May 24, 2026)

Share:

The day of Pentecost has arrived! The Spirit of God is moving among us.

We come with expectation, waiting for the Breath of Life.

Come, Holy Spirit, like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers.

Blow through our lives and refresh our weary spirits.

Come, Holy Spirit, like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame.

Ignite our worship and embolden our witness.

Come, Holy Spirit, gather people from every nation and language into one family.

May our diversity and unity reflect the glory of God.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill this place and our lives.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and minds! We are here to worship God.

Read these words from a hymn:

On Pentecost They Gathered

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
A band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
And tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed
To understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen, to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
On women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven, on that day long ago,
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

Read this scripture from worship:

Acts 2:1-21, *The Message*

¹⁻⁴ When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

⁵⁻¹¹ There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were blown away. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene; immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; even Cretans and Arabs! “They’re speaking our languages, describing God’s mighty works!”

¹² Their heads were spinning; they couldn’t make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: “What’s going on here?”

¹³ Others joked, “They’re drunk on cheap wine.”

¹⁴⁻²¹ That’s when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: “Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren’t drunk as some of you suspect. They haven’t had time to get drunk—it’s only nine o’clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

“In the Last Days,” God says, “I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people: your sons will prophesy, also your daughters; your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams. When the time comes, I’ll pour out my Spirit on those who serve me, men and women both, and they’ll prophesy. I’ll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood-red, before the Day of the Lord arrives, the Day tremendous and marvelous; and whoever calls out for help to me, God, will be saved.

Talk Together:

- ✓ What thoughts, ideas, dreams and memories does the Pentecost story stir in you?
- ✓ Why do you think God chose to represent the Holy Spirit's arrival with physical manifestations like a "violent wind" and "tongues of fire"?
- ✓ How did the filling of the Holy Spirit change the disciples from a group of hidden, fearful believers into bold witnesses?
- ✓ How did the crowd respond to this spectacle? Why did some mock the disciples and accuse them of being drunk?
- ✓ How does the Holy Spirit empower the church today?
- ✓ What is the role of the Holy Spirit in your life?
- ✓ If you knew for certain the Holy Spirit would fill you with all the ability you’d need, what would you venture to do?
- ✓ How will you fulfill your calling as one sent out in the power of the Spirit?

Pray together:

God of all creation, we come at last to be united in the Spirit, your gleaming fire among us, setting our hearts ablaze. We praise you with our whole being. Live in us, that we may love with your love, speak with your truth, and serve with your mercy. Keep us faithful until the very end, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.