

LECTOR WELCOME

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LECTOR: Good Afternoon / Morning

Welcome as we gather to celebrate Pentecost.

Welcome as well to all of you who have joined us on-line today. We truly miss your presence with us in person and look forward to the day when you are able to re-join us to share the Eucharist.

Today is Pentecost Sunday. After the overwhelming experiences of Easter, Pentecost, now 50 days since Easter, sometimes seems like a minor event. But Pentecost is truly a key moment in the history of the Christian faith, often called the birth of the Church.

Acts speaks of “a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting...All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

The Holy Spirit is indeed among us.

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In John's Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples, saying *peace be with you* and showing them his hands and his side.

In solidarity with our brothers and sisters of the parish of Saint Bernardine in Baltimore, please join me as we pray the Prayer of the Holy Spirit...

Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit
did instruct the hearts of your faithful.
Grant that by the same Spirit
We may be truly wise
and ever enjoy His consolations.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen