

MAY 24, 2026
PENTECOST
SUNDAY



The Holy Spirit moves us to act with forgiveness.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 20:19-23	Jesus appears to his disciples
Monday	Acts 2:1-21	The coming of the Holy Spirit
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	Spiritual gifts
Wednesday	Titus 3:1-8	Doing helpful deeds
Thursday	Ephesians 4:25—5:2	Rules for the new life
Friday	1 John 4:7-21	God is love
Saturday	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	God the creator
Sunday	Matthew 28:16-20	Sending of the disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." **John 20:21-22 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, through the Holy Spirit you send us into the world to speak, forgive, and give peace in the name of Jesus. Come, Holy Spirit, help us to bless the world with your love. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Gracious God, thank you for giving food to all you have created; open your hand and fill us with good things. Amen. (Psalm 104:27-28)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Holy Spirit give you peace.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Like the Murmur of the
Dove's Song*



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How does forgiving someone breathe new life into a relationship?
- How do you think the Holy Spirit is at work in the world today?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 20:19-23.

Those first disciples were fearful and huddled in a locked room. We all have had experiences of being frozen in fear and wanting to hide. Jesus knows this. Just as he did with those first disciples, Jesus enters our anxious lives, sends us out of our locked rooms, and releases us from our fearful confinements. The crucified and risen Jesus enters our lives with the power of the Holy Spirit. He sends out his followers of all generations to conquer those destructive forces with a peace that dares to forgive. On Pentecost we are reminded of the power of the Holy Spirit that breathes Jesus' life-giving and life-freeing forgiveness into the world. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus sends out disciples like us into the world with peace. That peace is not simply a good feeling filled with the absence of struggles. Jesus' peace is a life-giving power to conquer our fears and timidity that we may courageously extend a word of divine forgiveness to others.

Discuss: How has the Holy Spirit moved you to act with the power of peace and forgiveness for others?

Pray: **Dear Jesus, breathe on us your holy breath that we may go forth into the world to share your peace and the power of forgiveness. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, to whom can you offer a word of forgiveness?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

When we recite the Apostle's Creed, we say, "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church...". With the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the holy catholic church with a small "c" (meaning the whole Christian church on earth), we are reminded of the gifts of faith we are given through the Spirit. We celebrate this day as the day the church received the Holy Spirit. Read or recite the Apostle's Creed and talk about what it means to you.



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