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Pentecost is Sunday!

Pentecost is one of the four major feast days of the Christian Year. (The others are Christmas, Easter, and All Saints' Day.) It's the day the Church was born. Ten days earlier Jesus ascended into heaven in the sight of his disciples. He instructed them to wait in Jerusalem to be given power from on high. On that Pentecost day 120 of Jesus' disciples were gathered in worship when the Holy Spirit fell upon them in wind and flame. Immediately they went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began telling everyone they met the good news of what God had done in Jesus Christ.

Now Pentecost is an important Jewish feast day. It celebrates the giving of the Torah to Moses, the first five books of the Bible. Many people traveled to Jerusalem from all around to be there for the feast. How do Jewish peasants (for that's who most of the disciples were) speak to people from other countries who speak in a variety of different languages? The Holy Spirit provided the answer: those 120 disciples were given the ability to speak in a language they had never spoken before. When God gives a mission God provides what's needed to get the job done. Furthermore, God inspired Peter to address the crowds and preach the good news boldly. Many hundreds of new believers in Jesus Christ were added that day. The Church was born!

At St. Alban's we will celebrate Pentecost in several ways:

Our foreign language speakers will read the story of Pentecost in remembrance of the events of that day.

We will dress in red, the color of the Holy Spirit, and have red flowers in the church given in thanksgiving and in remembrance of loved ones.

I will consecrate both bread and wine on the altar for the first time since the pandemic began.

We will have our first coffee hour since the pandemic began! It will be held outdoors to be safe.

Come celebrate the birth of the Church,
Mother Julie+

Use your telephone for Zoom on Sunday at 9:30 am

Dial 1-646-558-8656

When prompted Enter **826 9515 6305#**

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When prompted Enter **446765#**

That will put you in Zoom's waiting room and you will be let in.

Zoom Calendar

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Bible Study 835 9000 0245 & 562087
 9:30 a.m. Worship 826 9515 6305 & 446765

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer: 868 3084 1089 & 114552

Thursday 6:30 p.m. Book Study: 898 5381 0239 & 432942

Thursday Evening Book Study Begins May 13 at 6:30 p.m.

The study will be both in person and on Zoom. The secretary's computer can be used to Zoom if you wish to participate and don't have access to Zoom. We will read Simply Christian, by N.T. Wright. Mother Julie can order the book for you to avoid postage. The cost is \$15. I'm told that it's also available in local libraries. Zoom codes are listed above.

May 13: Part 1

May 20: Part 2, first two chapters

May 27: Part 2, two chapters on Jesus

June 3: Part 2, two chapters on the Holy Spirit

June 10: Begin Part 3

June 17: Finish Part 3

**Sunday School
meets
1st, 3rd and 5th
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**
They also will meet on
Pentecost!

