

Liturgical Dance -<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8VXmIzgvQc>

____: Wow – what a brilliant dance!

____: But why did you have flames in your dance?

____: Because we're celebrating Pentecost!

____: So what is Pentecost?

____: PENTECOST is the coming of the Holy Spirit after Jesus went back to heaven.

____: But why did that happen?

____: The story goes back to Easter day, when Jesus rose from the dead.

____: As His overjoyed disciples gathered to see Him, Jesus explained that He would not be here for much longer.

____: He would be going back to heaven to be with His Father.

____: Some of the disciples were very sad at this news.

____: (After all, He'd only just come back!)

____: But Jesus said "Don't worry, I will not leave you all alone. I will ask my Father to give you another friend to be with you forever. This friend, the helper, will help you to remember all the things I have done and everything I have told you."

____: This helper that Jesus described is the Holy Spirit of truth. The Holy Spirit helps us to understand all things that Jesus has done, and everything that He said.

____: It helps us to know how to live, now and in the future.

____: So how did the Spirit arrive?

____: The book of Acts tells us the story:

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

____: When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place.

____: Suddenly, there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

____: Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there.

____: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages.

____: There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious men who had come from every country of the world.

____: When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered.

____: They were all excited, because each one of them heard the believers speaking in his own language.

____: In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, "These people who are talking like this are Galileans!"

____: How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages?

____: We are from different countries – yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!

____: **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God

Hymn : Spirit of the living GOD .

____: We have made masks to show the disciples' different feelings during the story of Pentecost.

____: **On Easter day, the disciples felt...**

____: ...Happy

____: ..Overjoyed

____: surprised

____: ...Crying with happiness.

____: **When he said that he was leaving again, though, they felt...**

____: ..worried

____: ..anxious.

____: **And when Ascension Day came, they were...**

____: ...lonely

____: :...Sad

____: ...weary without him.

____: So when the Spirit came, they were filled with feelings of...

____: ...peace

____: ...joy

____: ...hope

____: ...happiness

____: At times, we all feel these things. When you feel the same bad feelings as the disciples had [SAD MASKS HOLD UP], remember that God's promise of the Spirit is just as strong today, and He will help to turn them into good feelings [HAPPY MASKS HOLD UP].

Response Prayers

____: The response is: 'Lord, we thank you for your Spirit'.

____: When we are in times of need, help us to seek your guidance.

Response -

____: When we feel sad and alone, help us to understand that you are always with us.

Response -

____: In times of happiness, help us to remember that we benefit from your gifts.

Response -

____: Help us to channel your Spirit to comfort those around us in need.

Response -

____: **Final Prayer**

Dear God

Thank you for your promise of sending us your Holy Spirit. We are always comforted in times of need, knowing that you are with us. Help us to use your gift of the Spirit to live our lives as Jesus taught.

Amen

Recessional Hymn: There is a Redeemer.