Pentecost Sunday

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Pentecost is a feast about fire, a transformative, refining, purifying fire that the Lord wants to kindle in us. It is a necessary fire.

Psalm 50 "Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, round about him a mighty tempest."

Tongues of Fire

"Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them."

Our God, who is a holy fire, comes to dwell in us through his Holy Spirit. He refines us by burning away our sins and purifying us.

Pentecost reminds us that we must be set afire by God's love.

Rushing Wind

"And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were."

Genesis 2:7, "then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

<u>Acts 2:1-11</u>, These first Christians experience the rushing wind of God's Spirit breathing spiritual life back into them.

The Holy Spirit comes to dwell in us once again as in a temple (1 Corinthians 3:16).

Christmas is the feast of *God with us*,
Good Friday is the feast of *God for us*,
Pentecost is the feast of *God in us*.
Come, Holy Spirit, come!