

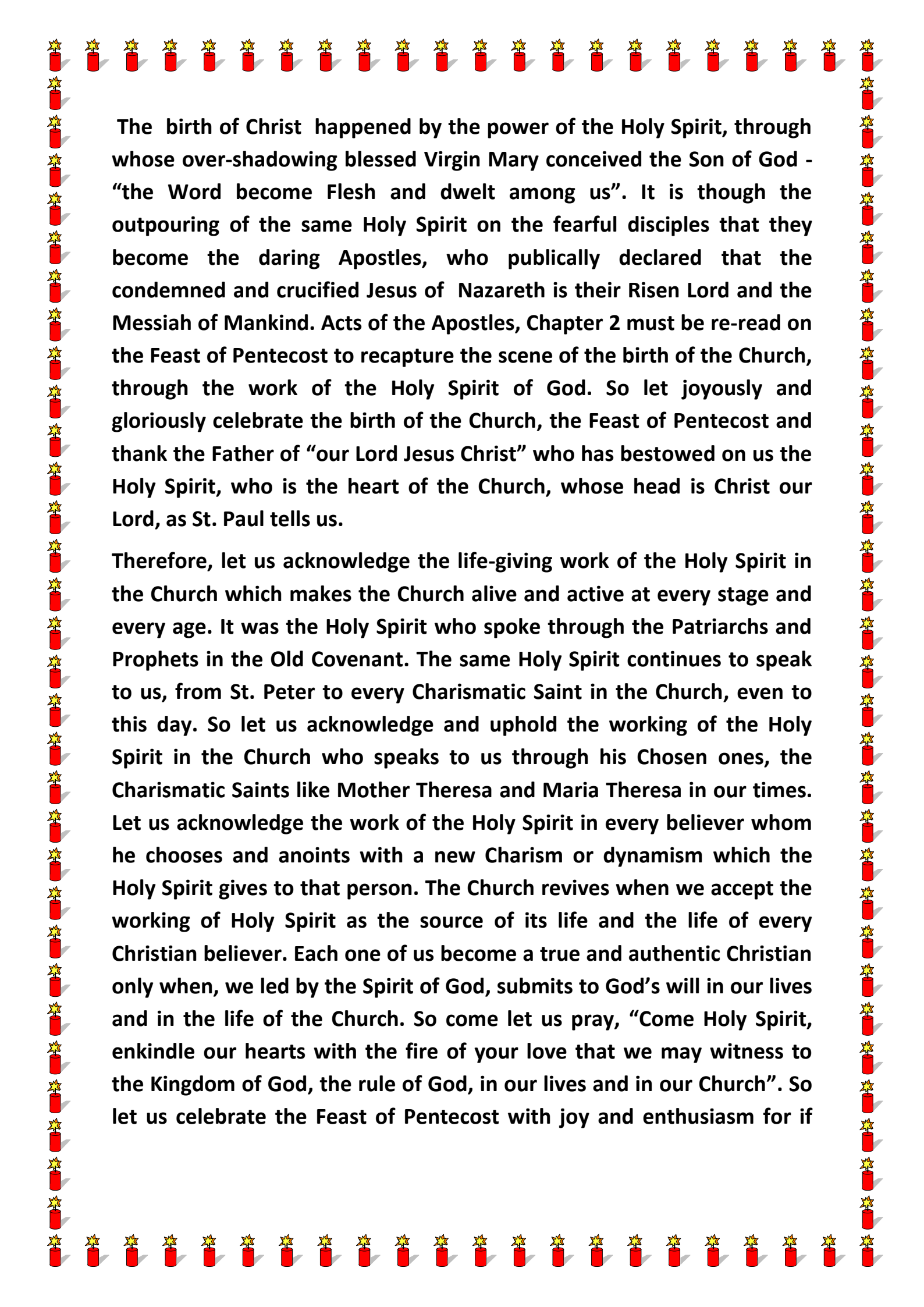


Pentecost - 2020

Come Let Us Celebrate

Come; let us celebrate the Great Feast of Pentecost – The Birthday of the Church. We do celebrate Christmas, the Birthday of our Lord, as the Great Feast and the biggest Feast celebrated all over the world. Lord Jesus Christ is the greatest personality who has been accepted and held in respect by almost all of humanity. He deserves it – A Happy Christmas!

Then, there is the Pentecost –the day on which the Church, as the believing community of the Risen Lord which acknowledges Him as the Messiah - the Son of God, rose up in spite of opposition and the danger of persecution.



The birth of Christ happened by the power of the Holy Spirit, through whose over-shadowing blessed Virgin Mary conceived the Son of God - “the Word become Flesh and dwelt among us”. It is through the outpouring of the same Holy Spirit on the fearful disciples that they become the daring Apostles, who publically declared that the condemned and crucified Jesus of Nazareth is their Risen Lord and the Messiah of Mankind. Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2 must be re-read on the Feast of Pentecost to recapture the scene of the birth of the Church, through the work of the Holy Spirit of God. So let joyously and gloriously celebrate the birth of the Church, the Feast of Pentecost and thank the Father of “our Lord Jesus Christ” who has bestowed on us the Holy Spirit, who is the heart of the Church, whose head is Christ our Lord, as St. Paul tells us.

Therefore, let us acknowledge the life-giving work of the Holy Spirit in the Church which makes the Church alive and active at every stage and every age. It was the Holy Spirit who spoke through the Patriarchs and Prophets in the Old Covenant. The same Holy Spirit continues to speak to us, from St. Peter to every Charismatic Saint in the Church, even to this day. So let us acknowledge and uphold the working of the Holy Spirit in the Church who speaks to us through his Chosen ones, the Charismatic Saints like Mother Theresa and Maria Theresa in our times. Let us acknowledge the work of the Holy Spirit in every believer whom he chooses and anoints with a new Charism or dynamism which the Holy Spirit gives to that person. The Church revives when we accept the working of Holy Spirit as the source of its life and the life of every Christian believer. Each one of us become a true and authentic Christian only when, we led by the Spirit of God, submits to God’s will in our lives and in the life of the Church. So come let us pray, “Come Holy Spirit, enkindle our hearts with the fire of your love that we may witness to the Kingdom of God, the rule of God, in our lives and in our Church”. So let us celebrate the Feast of Pentecost with joy and enthusiasm for if

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the Holy Spirit is in us we shall live forever as the children of God. Wish you a Happy Pentecost!

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