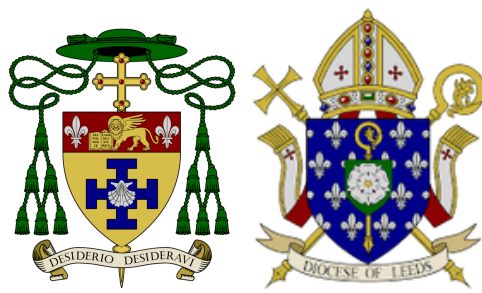




Tomb to Mission

A journey from Easter to Pentecost



PENTECOST

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
Acts 2

Before he died, Jesus made this promise:
*"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.
Yet a little while and the world will see me no more,
but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.
In that day you will know that I am in my Father,
and you in me, and I in you."*

After he died, his disciples did indeed see him:

- In the garden where he had been buried
- At Emmaus
- By the Sea of Tiberias

And here, in the closed room where they were hiding because they were afraid, and his first words were *"Peace be with you"*.

In John's Gospel account this is the day that he rose from death, the very same evening. He promised that he would come to them and he did. Showing them his hands and his side, where he had been pierced with a lance, they saw that it was really Jesus and now, at last, they were glad.

Perhaps we can imagine the relief, the astonishment, the joy. Jesus, indeed, did not leave them orphans. And Jesus breathes out his Spirit onto them just as his Father breathed into Adam, the first man. This is a new birth: we disciples are born afresh. And if we read the Acts of the Apostles we see the energy, life and power which the disciples experience and which they share with those they meet:

- Proclaiming the risen Jesus to the people of Jerusalem
- Healing the lame beggar
- Living as community in a new way
- Bearing witness even to the point of death.

We are called to live the same way.

So ask yourself, What am I called to do? I have God's Spirit and I have Jesus' promise. What now?

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