

**God makes an entrance. We see that in so many different ways in scripture... Gods presence in a burning Bush with Moses... a voice from the clouds...the peaceful nativity scene and the birth of Jesus**

**But at Pentecost God bursts through the door as Holy Spirit**

**It is an amazing scene that is described in our first reading from Acts of the Apostles...**

**On that first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descends ...in dramatic fashion ...upon the place where the disciples were gathered most likely in fear.**

**Imagine what it must have been like to witness it... Like a driving wind, the tongues of fire coming to rest on Mary and each of the disciples.**

**What must it have been like for the Apostles to be so filled with the zeal of the Holy Spirit that it they began to praise God ...in languages they didn't even know!**

**... so loudly that they were heard by people passing by on the street.**

**A Pentecost moment!**

**A dramatic change from how they had been living their lives... living in fear...in hiding since Jesus arrest and crucifixion**

**Even after Jesus rose from the dead... even after His Ascension, they were still self imprisoned... isolated by their own fear.**

**All that changed for them on Pentecost ...when the Holy Spirit came rushing into their lives...and evaporated their fear**

**They were no longer afraid what people would say about them. They were no longer concerned about their lack of talents or education.**

**The Holy Spirit can do that!**

**In these Pentecost moments!**

**What holds us back from being fully the person God created us to be?**

**What keeps us from fulfilling all the wonderful expectations that God has for us?**

**Even with a strong faith perhaps we worry about what it will cost us to follow Jesus with all our heart and strength ....and how it will affect our relationships or our jobs?**

**Will others reject us because of our faith? Will we be called “fanatics” or “bigots” because we take God’s word seriously enough to make it the center of our lives.**

**The Pentecost moment !**

**Sometimes the Holy Spirit works in dramatic ways with us like in this first today’s first reading.... bursting through the door of our life... some event... some situation that gives us our own Pentecost moment... a clear window to look out of**

**But more often than not ... the Spirit works silently within each one of us, quietly calling us to a change of heart ...like Jesus simply breathing on the Apostles and quietly but powerfully entering each of their lives**

**The spiritual author John Owen once said “Every time we say we believe in the Holy Spirit, we mean we believe that there is a living God able and willing to enter human personality and change it.”**

**Once we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us ...We no longer measure ourselves by what “others” expect of us ....but by what God expects of us.**

**...and it is the Holy Spirit whether in the form of a powerful wind, Tongues of fire or Christ’s gentle breath that allows us to be come transformed**

**When I was a young student in Catholic school ... along time ago...we started each afternoon with one of the Good Sisters of St Joseph leading afternoon prayer:**

***Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.***

***Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.***

**Such a simple prayer yet filled with such hope and promise**

**On this feast of the Pentecost let God make an entrance into our lives, let us pray for our own spiritual fire to be kindled**

**... and continue to give us Pentecost moments of our own!**

**God Bless**