

2018 Rector's Penning for Pentecost

Fifty days flew like a puff of wind from Easter on April 1. So, here we are, celebrating Pentecost, and we'll soon be having six parishioners receiving Confirmation in our midst.

Somehow like the disciples after Easter, in these fifty days we have been exposed to a lot of Jesus' teachings, offering us opportunities to contemplate on the good news of God's love and peace through Christ. Such contemplations would have inspired us to live out faith in life to abide in Christ so as to love and bear fruit. We are thus, like the disciples, prepared to move on in the power of the Holy Spirit from the Day of Pentecost.

All these seem to be pretty basic, knowledge which many of us have possessed for years, or even decades. The question though is: have we been practising them, first consciously and then eventually even unconsciously? Or do they still remain as our head-knowledge occupying only superficial levels in our lives?

Pentecost reminds us of our post-Communion doxology offered to God every Sunday: 'Glory to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine . . .!' Do we really pay attention to that in our remaining six days in the week after church, to manifest the power of the Holy Spirit in the world?

Have a Blessed Pentecost

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2018 聖靈降臨節牧者隨筆

時光飛逝：從四月一日（今年的復活節）又過了五十天，也就來到今天的聖靈降臨節，我們也因此不久的將來有六位教友領受堅信禮。

一如昔日耶穌的門徒，在這五十天裏我們有機會唸到，並思量著，上帝藉主耶穌給我們愛與平安的福音。這些默想都給我們機會去學習靠信心以跟主同在同行，而能活出愛心以結好果子。因此我們，也一如昔日的門徒那樣，能以好好裝備，從聖靈降臨日開始，活在聖靈的能力之中。

這一切都似乎是我們每個作信徒的基本知識。然而問題是：我們是否將其活出在我們的生命中？抑或我們只是讓這些知識停留在我們腦海的表層？

聖靈降臨節提醒我們在每主日領過聖餐後的禱文：「願榮耀歸與上帝，祂的大能運行在我們中間，超過我們的所想所求。。。』我們可有在週中的餘下六天裏注意如何活出「信」「愛」並重，以彰顯於我們的生活中「聖靈的大能」？

祝各位聖靈降臨節蒙福！

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