

# Pentecost 2020



*This Sunday in Church, we celebrate the Feast of  
Pentecost - 50 days after Easter.  
It marks the end of the Easter Season.*





*Once Jesus  
had  
ascended to  
heaven, the  
disciples were  
left feeling  
alone once  
again...*



*Once again  
they  
remembered  
their guilt,  
their loss,  
their lack of  
leadership and  
direction...*

*Knowing what  
they had lost  
was almost  
too much to  
bear...*

*They'd seen it  
all  
come  
and go...*



Jesus had  
promised them  
some kind of  
help...

He'd reassured  
them that they  
would no longer  
be alone...



He would be  
*with them*.

But the  
doubts had  
set in once  
more.



He had been their  
*strength and courage*

Without Him they felt  
*vulnerable and  
persecuted...*

They were *too scared* to  
begin their ministry to  
the people...

*They hid...*



*Then  
everything  
changed...*

*They found  
the love  
returned  
to their  
hearts...*



*They were no longer  
alone...*



*Into their lives  
came something  
so strong and  
uplifting that all  
fear  
disappeared...*





YOU  
WERE  
GIVEN **THIS LIFE**  
BECAUSE YOU ARE  
**STRONG ENOUGH**  
TO LIVE IT

*They  
suddenly  
believed in  
themselves  
and the  
power of  
the Word...*

*They had prayed to  
God the Father...*

*They had witnessed  
God the Son...*

*And now they had  
received  
God the Holy Spirit.*



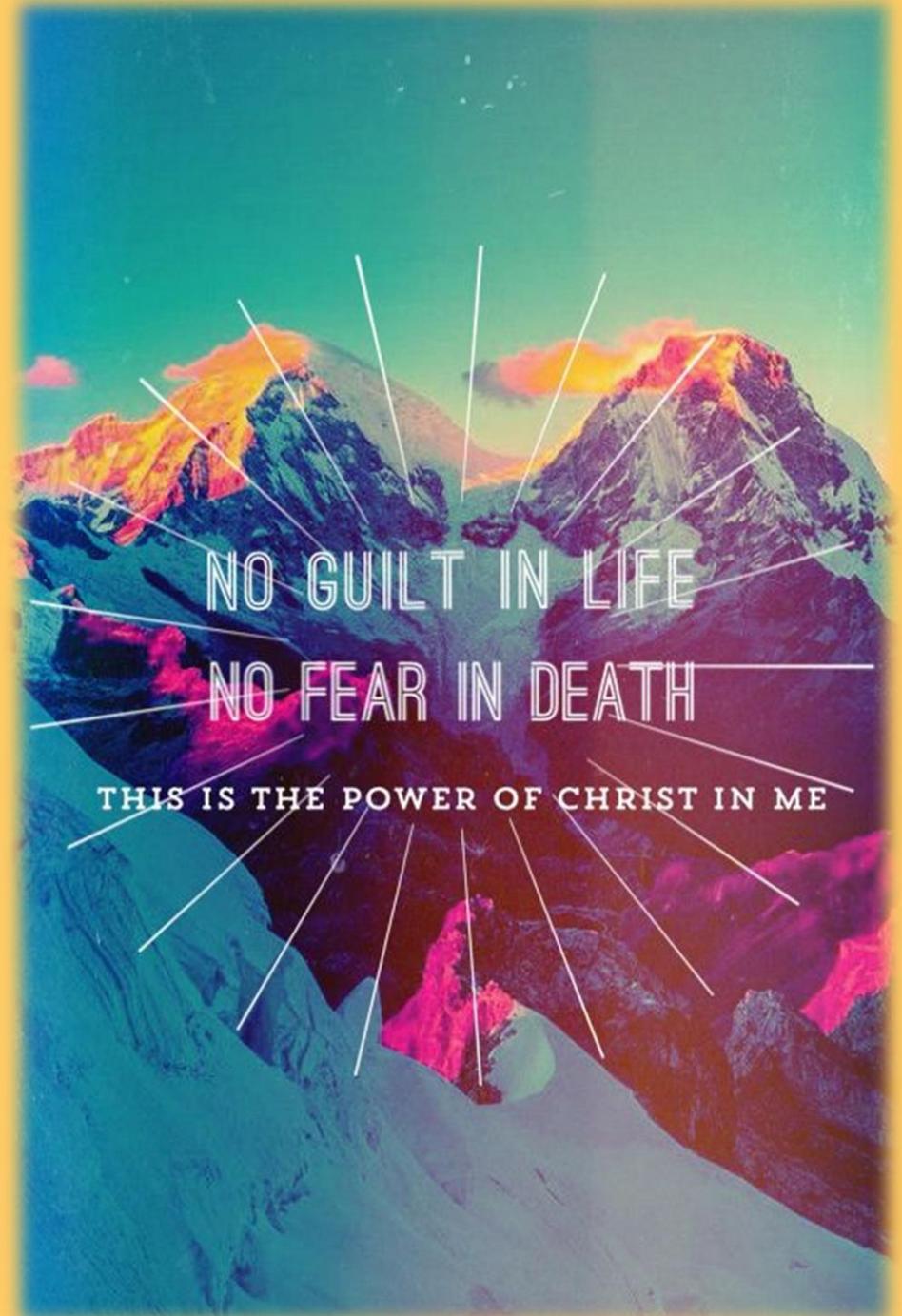
Their path was *lit* once more...





*They knew a truth for all people to hear..*

*They felt the  
strength and  
power of Jesus  
within  
them once again...*



*You give that **strength** to me...*





All their  
burden's were  
lifted...

They were  
free from fear  
and could  
begin to  
proclaim God's  
Good News to  
all people...

A stylized illustration of Pentecost. On the left, two dark silhouettes of hands are raised, holding a large, vibrant flame of fire in shades of orange and red. The background is a collage of white and light grey shapes, including a dove in flight and abstract patterns, set against a yellow and white gradient. The text is centered on the right side.

# PENTECOST

- THE CHURCH IS BORN -

*and our Church was born...*

*At Pentecost, we too can renew our commitment  
to God...*

*We can revisit of our own faith and  
welcome the  
Holy Spirt into our  
own lives.*



*Strength for **me**...*



*We too can be  
brought out of the  
darkness...*

*...Feel all our  
doubts and worries  
disappear...*





*Around 2,000 years ago, the world changed forever. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the first disciples began to preach. 3,000 people responded to the Gospel and received the Spirit that day. They were the beginning of our Church.*

*We are that Church today...*



*Dear Lord*

*Give us the courage and the  
strength to inspire a love and  
faith in others and be the  
living Church in all that we  
do.*

*Amen.*

