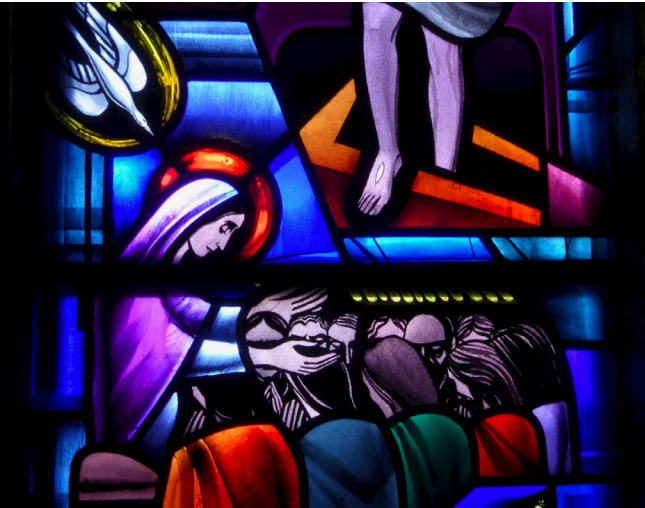


*Let us be still  
and ask the Holy Spirit to be with us*

Dear Father,  
Be with us as we pray.  
Open our ears to hear your Word in the Gospel.  
Unite us in faith, hope and love as we pray together.  
Send your Holy Spirit to inspire and sustain us in our mission.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset.

I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.’

*What words or phrases struck you in Sunday’s Gospel reading? What might God be saying to you in and through the Gospel?*

## Reflection

The day of Pentecost finds the disciples gathered together in fear. They think Jesus has left them, yet he sends them the gift of ‘another advocate’ he had told them was coming - the Holy Spirit. With this gift, the disciples were strengthened, fortified and ready to go out into the world to witness to everything Jesus had preached. From this point on, the disciples went out and each day to be a voice of hope, love, and peace for all and to all who would listen.

In his recent encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis speaks of the same challenge for us today. He refers to the pressures, the ills, the factions our world faces and calls for us to find strength and set our sights higher than those who have come before us. He challenges us to strive for “Goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity.” He reminds us that these are not achieved once and for all; “they have to be realized each day”.

How are we and our communities striving to bring this truth to bear in the world?

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## Lord

Renew in us your Spirit,  
so that we may bring the Truth of your love to the world.  
Grant us the courage to strive for Goodness,  
to act out of love, to seek justice and stand for others.  
Gift us the resilience to go out into the world with this in our hearts each and every day.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Holy One of God.  
**Amen.**