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In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.
Begin with the Lord’s prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do. Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word, keep it in our hearts and tell our friends about your glory and honor.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.
Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the Glory. Forever, Amen.
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.
Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.
Can anyone tell me last week’s memory verse???
Recite Last week’s memory verse

“Well done good and faithful servant”.

(Matthew 25:23)
1. Why did the master call his servants to him? He was leaving and wanted to give them some money to keep for him.

2. What did he give the first servant? The 2nd and the 3rd?
   First 5 talents, the second 2 talents and 1 for the 3rd.

3. What did the first servant do with his money? He gained 5 more.

4. What did the second servant do with his money? He gained 2 more.

5. What did the third servant do with his money? He buried his talent in the ground.

6. Which servants pleased the master? The first and the second who had doubled the money.

7. Why was the master displeased with the last servant? Because he had not used his talent.
Class Covenant

I will keep my eyes on my teacher, my mouth in control, my ears on God's Word; knowing God is my goal.
Memorize today’s Verse

“You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you”.

(Acts 1:8)

Practice this verse again during the week.
Objective

• Feel the great love and care of God through the Holy Spirit given to us when we are baptized.

• The Holy Spirit is given to all who are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
10 days After the Ascension, the disciples returned back to Jerusalem as the Lord told them.

They went up into the house of St. Mark where they stayed.

They continued praying and fasting, with St. Mary the mother of God.
It was around 9 am. Suddenly, there came a sound from heaven like very strong wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one settled upon each of them.
Our Lord Jesus Christ had already told the disciples about the coming of the Holy Spirit.

“ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name, has come. He shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I have said unto you. “

(John 14: 26)
A flame of Fire appeared on the top of each of their heads!

- It did not burn anyone or anything
- It came from God to bring the Holy Spirit to the disciples
The Spirit of Truth

• They were all filled with the Holy Spirit.
• They began to speak in different languages they never knew before.
• They praised God and started telling everyone about the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ = THE GOOD NEWS = THE GOSPEL
At that time there were living in Jerusalem Jews from different countries.

They came to see the sound of the blowing wind.

Everyone was confused when they heard the disciples speak each with his own language.
They were all surprised, and they asked each other:

—“Look, are not all these disciples who speak different languages now used to speak only one language before?”
What is everyone Saying?

• The people laughed at the disciples and said:
  – “they are completely drunk.”

• Hearing that, St. Peter stood up with the other disciples, and raised his voice and said to them:
  – “These are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour.”

• St. Peter then started talking to the people about Jesus Christ and how He came to save them and that He rose from the dead.
How to believe?

• Now when they heard this, 3000 people believed!!!!
• They asked the apostles: “What shall we do?”
Apostles answered:

- “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and you shall get the gift of the Holy Spirit and all your sins will be cleaned.”
Then those who gladly listened to these words were baptized:

– That day about *3000 souls* were added to them.
Sharing is Caring

• All who believed were together.
• And all had things in common
  – All sold what they have and shared everything
    • So every one would take what he needs only.
  – They were glad when they shared food together.
• They were all simple in heart, praising God
Conclusion

- The disciples spent 10 days in fasting and prayer to receive the gift of The Holy Spirit.

- The Holy Spirit is our Teacher and Helper.
Movie Clip
Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.
Pop Quiz

1. Where did the disciples go after the Ascension?
   - Back to Jerusalem, in St. Mark’s house.

2. What did they do while waiting?
   - They were praying and fasting

3. What happened the day of Pentecost?
   - The Holy Spirit of God filled the apostles and they spoke in different languages.

4. At what hour the Holy Spirit filled the apostles?
   - 3rd hour = 9 am
5. What did the people think about them?
- They thought they were drunk.

6. How many were saved by one sermon from Peter?
- Up to 3000

7. What did they do to join the new church?
- Believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, Repent their sins, receive the Holy Spirit in Baptism

8. How did they live after that? Did anybody have a need to a thing?
- They shared everything. No one was in need.
- They were in joy praising God and loving Him for everything He does.
Next Week
We will learn about Christ teaches Nicodemus about salvation.
May the love of God the Father and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.
3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.

2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.

3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”
“For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)
“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32
Any question?

Close with prayer.