



**Meditation for the Feast of Pentecost  
May 23, 2021**

*When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.*

John 16:13

I want to begin with a story about the Desert Father Abba Joseph:

*Abba Lot went to see Abba Joseph and said to him, 'Abba, as far as I can I say my little office, I fast a little, I pray and meditate, I live in peace, and, as far as I can, I purify my thoughts. What else can I do?' Then the old man stood up and stretched his hands towards heaven. His fingers became like ten lamps of fire and he said to him, 'If you will, you can become all flame.'*

What does the church look like when its fingers are like lamps of fire? When the Holy Spirit has swept through like the rush of a violent wind? When a community is alive in the Spirit of God?

The Spirit of God is alive at Trinity, shining within us, and all around us. We see Trinity's "fiery fingers" in our Good News Gardens and Laundry Love, in our weekly community meals and Grab n Go lunches on major holidays, in our collaborative Sunday School and our Youth Group mission projects, in building our community through innovative worship.

Annie Dillard puts it differently [in *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*]:  
*I cannot cause light; the most I can do is try to put myself in the path of its beam. It is possible, in deep space, to sail on solar wind. Light, be it particle or wave, has force: you rig a giant sail and go.*

Let us trust in the "solar wind" of the Holy Spirit to carry us into the new ministry to which God is calling us.

Let us light each other's way with the fiery fingers of truth.