

Symbols of **PENTECOST**

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THE SYMBOLS OF PENTECOST

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FLAME AND FIRE

One of the most prominent symbols of Pentecost is the flame or tongue of fire representing the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles described in the Bible. The Flame is often depicted descending from heaven, crowning each figure of the apostles, identifying the anointing and power of the Holy Spirit.

Dove

The dove is another symbol associated with Pentecost, representing the Holy Spirit in Christian iconography. In the biblical account of Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The dove is also used to represent the Holy Spirit's presence and guidance.

Wind

Wind is a symbol of the Holy Spirit's movement during the events of Pentecost. In Acts 2:1-11, it is described as blowing like a violent wind across the entire house. This imagery represents the wind of the Holy Spirit moving the hearts and minds of believers.

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THE SYMBOLS OF PENTECOST

Symbols play a significant role in the celebration of Pentecost, representing the spiritual significance of the holiday and its themes of renewal, empowerment, and unity within the Christian faith. Let's explore some of the key symbols associated with Pentecost:



FLAMES AND FIRE

One of the most prominent symbols of Pentecost is flames or tongues of fire, representing the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples as described in the Bible. The flames are often depicted as descending from heaven and resting upon the heads of the disciples, signifying the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

DOVE

The dove is another symbol associated with Pentecost, representing the Holy Spirit in Christian iconography. In the biblical account of Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, symbolizing purity, peace, and divine inspiration. The dove is often depicted in artwork and religious imagery as a symbol of the Holy Spirit's presence and guidance.



WIND

Wind is a symbol of the Holy Spirit's movement and power, as described in the Bible during the events of Pentecost. In Acts 2:2-3, it is written that "suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house." This rushing wind represents the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit, stirring the hearts and minds of believers.

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RED

The color red is often associated with Pentecost, symbolizing the flames of fire and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Red is prominently featured in church decorations, liturgical vestments, and other symbols of Pentecost to represent the transformative power of the Holy Spirit and the fervent zeal of the early disciples.



LANGUAGES AND COMMUNICATION

Pentecost is also symbolized by the ability to speak in tongues, as described in Acts 2:4-11. The miraculous gift allowed the disciples to communicate the message of Jesus Christ to people from diverse cultures and languages, symbolizing the universal nature of the gospel and the empowerment of believers to share their faith with others.

WHEAT AND HARVEST

In some Christian traditions, symbols of harvest and abundance are associated with Pentecost, reflecting the agricultural Festival of Shavuot. From Jewish tradition, wheat, grain, and other symbols of harvest are used to represent the spiritual abundance and blessings bestowed upon believers through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

CONCLUSION

The symbols of Pentecost carry deep spiritual significance, representing the transformative power of the Holy Spirit and the unity of believers in the Christian faith. Through flames, doves, wind, and other symbols, Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the ongoing presence of God's grace and guidance in their lives. As believers commemorate Pentecost each year, they are reminded of the spiritual truths and promises associated with this sacred holiday.

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THE SYMBOLS OF PENTECOST

DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

- 1. What do flames and fire symbolize in the context of Pentecost?**

- (a) The baptism of Jesus
- (b) The presence of angels
- (c) The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples
- (d) The birth of Jesus

- 2. What does the dove symbolize in Christian iconography during Pentecost?**

- (a) The presence of Jesus
- (b) The Holy Spirit
- (c) The disciples
- (d) The angels

- 3. What biblical event is associated with the symbol of wind in Pentecost?**

- (a) The resurrection of Jesus
- (b) The ascension of Jesus
- (c) The descent of the Holy Spirit
- (d) The Last Supper

- 4. Why is the color red prominently featured in Pentecost celebrations?**

- (a) It represents purity and peace
- (b) It symbolizes the Holy Spirit's movement and power
- (c) It signifies the birth of Jesus
- (d) It represents the disciples' obedience

- 5. What is the significance of the ability to speak in tongues as a symbol of Pentecost?**

- (a) It represents the disciples' ability to predict the future
- (b) It symbolizes the universal nature of the gospel
- (c) It signifies the disciples' divine perfection
- (d) It represents the disciples' proficiency in languages

ANSWER KEY

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1. (c) The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples
 2. (b) The dove
 3. (c) The descent of the Holy Spirit
 4. (b) Symbolizes the movement and power
 5. (b) Symbolizes the universal nature of the gospel
 6. (b) The coming of the Holy Spirit
 7. (b) The wind
 8. (b) Flames and fire
 9. (c) The flames of fire are symbols of the Holy Spirit
 10. (a) The flight of birds at sunset

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Flames and fire symbolize the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples
 2. The dove symbolizes the Holy Spirit in Christian iconography
 3. Wind symbolizes the movement and power of the Holy Spirit during Pentecost
 4. The color red represents the flames of fire and the presence of the Holy Spirit
 5. The ability to speak in tongues symbolizes the universal nature of the gospel

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ANSWER KEY INCLUDED

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