

Gospel Reading for Pentecost (NRSV)

John 20:19-23



It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead, the first day of
the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met
were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among
them and said, 'Peace be with you'. After he said this,
he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced
when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with
you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you'. When he
had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the
Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven
them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained'.