

Easter to Pentecost

Week 3 Collective Worship



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The disciples were suddenly empowered to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began preaching to the crowds gathered in the city.

They spoke in the native languages of the people present, many who had come from all corners of the Roman Empire.

The apostle Peter seized the moment and addressed the crowd, preaching to them about Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins.

The result was that about three thousand converts were baptized that day.



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Reflection: Listen to some of the reasons we go to church.

1. **God says to-**Gospels readings tell us this
2. **Knowledge about the God, Jesus and the Bible** – Church should NOT be the only place they hear the “Good News”, it should be a way of life! But we can learn so much at church.
3. **Church Family** –Over the years our church family has blessed us so much with prayer, meals, love, and more.
4. **Worship** – It is so important that we have times to just worship the Lord!
5. **Being around Fellow Believers** –Being around fellow believers encourages us in our faith and gives us others to look to for spiritual guidance and friendship!

Think about the last time you were in Church- what did you see, hear, smell, feel... Close your eyes and picture your special Church. Thank God for this special place.

Reflection: Light a Candle

Lord, thank you for all you do in our lives. Lord, today I lift up to you our church. It is the place we go to worship you. It is where we learn about you.

Our church is more than a building to us, Lord. We are a group that lifts one another up, and we ask that you give us the heart to continue in that way.

Lord, we ask you to bless us with the desire to do more for the world around us and for one another. We ask that you give us the ability to be great stewards helping one another.

Lord, we also ask that you give us a strong sense of your spirit in our church. Amen