

Pentecost was an Old Testament Jewish feast observed 50 days (*Greek* - πέντε, fifty) after the Passover Sabbath (Leviticus 23:15-16). It was also called the Feast of Weeks because the Israelites were to number seven full weeks after the Passover Sabbath. On Pentecost, the Israelites were to bring an offering of new grain as a Burnt Offering to the Lord. This Offering was to foreshadow, by God's grace, a bountiful harvest.

Forty days after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, He ascended into heaven. But before He ascended, as He instituted the Office of the Holy Ministry, He promised the Eleven that the Holy Spirit would come (John 20:22). That coming, the coming of the Spirit of the Living God, the Gift prophesied by the Prophet Joel over 800 years earlier, came as promised on Pentecost (Acts 2). So it is that by the giving of His Spirit, through the Eleven that received it, would the Lord work a Bountiful Harvest - His Holy catholic Church - you, dear Christian, that heaven be filled.

Cover Art – *Pentecost*, Majesty Master
Image 102, *The De Lisle Psalter*, 1330 A.✠ D.

In this illumination, the Eleven, with Mary, receive the Holy Spirit. St. John the Divine (in red, with a blue cloak, holding the book) and the Virgin Mary (in blue dress with rose cloak, also holding a book) flank the bearded, tonsured St. Peter.

Majesty Master, whose real name is unknown, added this illumination to a blank page of the *De Lisle Psalter*, which was 20 years old at the time of the addition (c. 1310 A.✠ D.). The Psalter was made for Robert de Lisle (b. 1288, d. 1344), of Campton, Bedfordshire, a Baron, who was a member of British Parliament.

The Psalter was a gift to his daughter Audere.
It is held in the collection of the British Museum, London.

The Feast Of



Holy Pentecost