Pentecost, the Jewish Shavuot, began as a harvest festival, celebrated fifty days after "you first put the sickle to the standing grain." In time it became the fiftieth day after the first day of Passover, a day of thanksgiving for the Torah. For the Christians, it became the fiftieth day after Easter.

The account in Acts does not say they are gathered "for fear of the Jews."

**Acts 2:1–2**

Dum completerunt dies Pentecostes,  
erer omnes pariter dicentes.  
Allelúia:  
et súbito  
factus est sónus de coelo.  
Allelúia.  

Támquam spíritus vehéméntis,  
et replévit tótam dómurum.  
Allelúia.

When the day of Pentecost had come,  
they were all together talking.  
Alleluia:  
and suddenly  
there was a sound from heaven.  
Alleluia.  

Just like a mighty wind,  
and it filled the whole house.  
Alleluia.

For while the disciples were  
gathered in one place,  
for fear of the Jews,  
a sound from heaven unexpectedly  
came over them.  

Just like a mighty wind,  
and it filled the whole house.  
Alleluia.

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**Dum completeruntur**

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina  
(Italian; c.1525–1594)

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**When the day of Pentecost had come,**

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they were all together

talking.
and suddenly

there was

a sound from heaven.

Alleluia.
_alleluia, alleluiia, alleluiia,

alleluiia, alleluiia, alleluiia,

alleluiia, alleluiia, alleluiia,

alleluiia, alleluiia, alleluiia,

alleluiia, alleluiia, alleluiia,

alleluiia, alleluiia, alleluiia.
a mighty wind, and it

filled the whole house.
For while the disciples were gathered in one place for fear of the
from heaven came over them.
mighty wind,

and it

filled the whole house.

plit vit totam domum, totam domum

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plit vit totam domum, totam domum
Alterations: To facilitate SATB performance, we have given two alto notes to T1: A1 in bar 19, A2 in bar 49.