

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

PENTECOST (YEAR A)

## COLLECT

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Acts 2.1-11*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judæa and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*from Ps 104*



**R.** Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth. (*All repeat*)



Praise the Lord | O my soul;  
O Lord God, your glo-ry is great.  
How manifold | are your works!  
In wisdom you have | made them all. **R.**

All creatures | look to you  
to give them their | food to eat.  
When you open your hand, they are | filled  
with good;  
when you hide your face, they | pine away. **R.**

When you take away their | breath they die,  
and return to the earth | whence they came.  
When you send forth your spirit, all things |  
spring to life,  
and the face of the earth | is renewed. **R.**

The glory of the Lord shall | never cease;  
the Lord shall rejoice in | all his works.  
I will sing to the Lord as long | as I live;  
I will praise my God while my | breath  
remains. **R.**

## SECOND READING

*1 Cor 12.3-13*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another

the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people:

and kindle in them the fire of your love.

*Alleluia.*

#### GOSPEL READING

*Jn 20.19–23*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And 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 withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Almighty God, grant us the grace your Son promised: that the Holy Spirit may reveal to us the full meaning of this sacrifice, and may lead us into all truth; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### POST-COMMUNION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### SOLEMN BLESSING

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

And the blessing ...