

Pentecost Vigil (Extended)

Pentecost

Mass begins in the usual way. After the Kyrie (Lord, have mercy), the Priest says this prayer:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that the splendour of your glory may shine forth upon us
and that, by the bright rays of the Holy Spirit,
the light of your light may confirm the hearts
of those born again by your grace.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Then the Priest may address the people in these or similar words:

Dear brothers and sisters,
we have now begun our Pentecost Vigil,
after the example of the Apostles and disciples,
who with Mary, the Mother of Jesus,
persevered in prayer,
awaiting the Spirit promised by the Lord;
like them, let us, too, listen with quiet hearts to the Word of God.

Let us meditate on how many great deeds
God in times past did for his people
and let us pray that the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father sent as the first fruits for those who believe,
may bring to perfection his work in the world.

First Reading † Genesis 11:1-9

A reading from the book of Genesis

It was named Babel because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth.

Throughout the earth men spoke the same language, with the same vocabulary. Now as they moved eastwards they found a plain in the land of Shinar where they settled. They said to one another,

‘Come, let us make bricks and bake them in the fire.’ — For stone they- used bricks, and for mortar they used bitumen. — ‘Come,’ they said ‘let us build ourselves a town and a tower with its top reaching heaven. Let us make a name for ourselves, so that we may not be scattered about the whole earth.’

Now the Lord came down to see the town and the tower that the sons of man had built.

‘So they are all a single people with a single language!’
said the Lord.

‘This is but the start of their undertakings! There will be nothing too hard for them to do. Come, let us go down and confuse their language on the spot so that they can no longer understand one another.’

The Lord scattered them thence over the whole face of the earth, and they stopped building the town. It was named Babel therefore, because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth. It was from there that the Lord scattered them over the whole face of the earth.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial # Psalm 33:10-11.12-13.14-15

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

He frustrates the designs of the nations,
he defeats the plans of the peoples.
His own designs shall stand for ever,
the plans of his heart from age to age.

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.
From the heavens the Lord looks forth,
he sees all the children of men.

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

From the place where he dwells he gazes
on all the dwellers on the earth;
he who shapes the hearts of them all;
and considers all their deeds.

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Prayer after the Reading

Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that your Church may always remain that holy people,
formed as one by the unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
which manifests to the world
the Sacrament of your holiness and unity
and leads it to the perfection of your charity.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Second Reading # Exodus 19:3-8.16-20

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God appeared before all the people on Mount Sinai.

Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying,

‘Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel,

“You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians,
how I carried you on eagle’s wings and brought you to myself.

“From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine.

“I will count you a kingdom of priests,
a consecrated nation.”

‘Those are the words you are to speak to the sons of Israel.’

So Moses went and summoned the elders of the people, putting before them all that the Lord had bidden him. Then all the people answered as one,

‘All that the Lord has said, we will do.’

Now at daybreak on the third day there were peals of thunder on the mountain and lightning flashes, a dense cloud, and a loud trumpet blast, and inside the camp all the people trembled. Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet God; and they stood at the bottom of the mountain.

The mountain of Sinai was entirely wrapped in smoke, because the Lord had descended on it in the form of fire. Like smoke from a furnace the smoke went up, and the whole mountain shook violently. Louder and louder grew the sound of the trumpet.

Moses spoke, and God answered him with peals of thunder. The Lord came down on the mountain of Sinai, on the mountain top, and the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial (option 1) † Daniel 3:52-56

Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

Glory and praise for ever!

Blest your glorious holy name.

Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

Glory and praise for ever!

Responsorial (option 2) † Psalm 18 (19):8-11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Prayer after the Reading

Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while.

O God, who in fire and lightning
gave the ancient Law to Moses on Mount Sinai
and on this day manifested the new covenant
in the fire of the Spirit,
grant, we pray,
that we may always be aflame with that same Spirit
whom you wondrously poured out on your Apostles,
and that the new Israel,
gathered from every people,
may receive with rejoicing
the eternal commandment of your love.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Third Reading † Ezekiel 37:1-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

Dry bones of Israel, I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The hand of the Lord was laid on me, and he carried me away by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley, a valley full of bones.

He made me walk up and down among them. There were vast quantities of these bones on the ground the whole length of the valley; and they were quite dried up. He said to me,

‘Son of man, can these bones live?’

I said,

‘You know, Lord’

He said,

‘Prophesy over these bones.

Say, “Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

The Lord says this to these bones:

I am now going to make the breath enter you,
and you will live.

“I shall put sinews on you,
I shall make flesh grow on you,
I shall cover you with skin and give you breath,
and you will live; and you will learn that I am the Lord.”

I prophesied as I had been ordered. While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a sound of clattering; and the bones joined together.

I looked, and saw that they were covered with sinews; flesh was growing on them and skin was covering them, but there was no breath in them. He said to me,

‘Prophesy to the breath;
prophesy, son of man.
Say to the breath,

“The Lord says this:
Come from the four winds, breath;
breathe on these dead; let them live!”

I prophesied as he had ordered me, and the breath entered them; they came to life again and stood up on their feet, a great, an immense army.

Then he said,

‘Son of man, these bones are the whole House of Israel.
They keep saying,

“Our bones are dried up,
our hope has gone;
we are as good as dead.”

‘So prophesy. Say to them,

“The Lord says this:
I am now going to open your graves:
I mean to raise you from your graves, my people,
and lead you back to the soil of Israel.

‘And you will know that I am the Lord,
when I open your graves and raise you
from your graves, my people.
And I shall put my spirit in you,
and you will live, and I shall resettle you
on your own soil; and you will know that I,
the Lord, have said and done this
— it is the Lord who speaks.”

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 106 (107):2-9

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Let them say this, the Lord’s redeemed,
whom he redeemed from the hand of the foe
and gathered from far-off lands,
from east and west, north and south.

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Some wandered in the desert, in the wilderness,
finding no way to a city they could dwell in.

Hungry they were and thirsty;
their soul was fainting within them.

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Then they cried to the Lord in their need
and he rescued them from their distress
and he led them along the right way,
to reach a city they could dwell in.

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Let them thank the Lord for his love,
for the wonders he does for men.
For he satisfies the thirsty soul;
he fills the hungry with good things.

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Prayer after the Reading

Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while.

Lord, God of power,
who restore what has fallen
and preserve what you have restored,
increase, we pray, the peoples
to be renewed by the sanctification of your name,
that all who are washed clean by holy Baptism
may always be directed by your prompting.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Or:

O God, who have brought us to rebirth
by the word of life, pour out upon us your Holy Spirit,
that walking in oneness of faith,
may attain in our flesh
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Or:

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A reading from the prophet Joel

I will pour out my spirit on all people.

Thus says the Lord:

'I will pour out my spirit on all mankind.
Your sons and daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men see visions.
Even on the slaves, men and women,
will I pour out my spirit in those days.
I will display portents in heaven and on earth,
blood and fire and columns of smoke.'

'The sun will be turned into darkness,
and the moon into blood,
before the day of the Lord dawns,
that great and terrible day.

'All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved,
for on Mount Zion there will be some who have escaped,
as the Lord has said,
and in Jerusalem some survivors whom the Lord will call.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial # Psalm 103:1-2^a.24.35^c.27-28.29^{bc}-30

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
Bless the Lord, my soul.

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill.

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Prayer after the Reading

Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while.

Fulfil for us your gracious promise,
O Lord, we pray, so that by his coming
the Holy Spirit may make us witnesses before the world
to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Then the Priest intones the hymn The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest).

Collect

Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while.

Almighty ever-living God,
who willed the Paschal Mystery
to be encompassed as a sign in fifty days,
grant that from out of the scattered nations
the confusion of many tongues
may be gathered by heavenly grace
into one great confession of your name.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Fifth Reading † Romans 8:22-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

For we must be content to hope that we shall be saved — our salvation is not in sight, we should not have to be hoping for it if it were — but, as I say, we must hope to be saved since we are not saved yet — it is something we must wait for with patience.

The Spirit too comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel † John 7:37-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

From his breast shall flow fountains of living waters.

On the last day and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood there and cried out:

‘If any man is thirsty, let him come to me!

Let the man come and drink who believes in me!’

As scripture says:

From his breast shall flow fountains of living water.

He was speaking of the Spirit which those who believed in him were to receive; for there was no Spirit as yet because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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