

PENTECOST SUNDAY, Year B

Pentecost

First Reading † Acts 2:1-11

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A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day had come, they were all together, when suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of a rushing wind, filling the entire house in which they were sitting; and there appeared to them tongues as of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages as the Spirit gave them power to express themselves.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, and they were bewildered because each one heard them speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished, saying,

‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?
How is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?
Parthians, Medes and Elamites, residents of Mesopotamia,
Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt
and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, visitors from Rome
– Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs,
we hear them speaking in our own languages about the marvels of God.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 103:1,24,29-31,34

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord my God, how great you are.
How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.

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

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

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

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the Lord.

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

Second Reading † Galatians 5:16-25

The fruit of the Spirit.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

Instead, I tell you, be guided by the Spirit, and do not fulfil the desires of the flesh. The desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh: they are opposed to one another, so that you may not do whatever you please. If you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the Law.

The works of the flesh are obvious: sexual vice, impurity and sensuality; idolatry and sorcery; antagonisms and rivalry, jealousy, bad temper, quarrels, disagreements, factions and malice, drunkenness, orgies and all suchlike, about which, I tell you now as I have told you in the past, people who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

On the other hand the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness and self-control; against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with all its passions and desires. Since we are living by the Spirit, let our behaviour be guided by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.

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 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘When the Paraclete comes,
whom I shall send to you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,
he will bear witness on my behalf.
And you too will bear witness
because you have been with me from the beginning.

I still have many things to say to you
but you cannot bear them now.

However, when the Spirit of truth comes
he will guide you in all truth,
since he will not be speaking on his own account,
but will say only what he has been told;
and he will reveal to you the things to come.

He will glorify me,
since he will take what is mine and reveal it to you.
Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said
he will take what is mine and reveal it to you.’

The Gospel of the Lord.