

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*

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

A reading from the book of Genesis

The whole world had a single language, with a single vocabulary. Now, as people journeyed from the east they found a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there. 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. They said,

‘Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top reaching heaven.

Let us make a name for ourselves, otherwise we may be scattered all over the world.’

Now the Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the people had built. The Lord said,

‘See, they are all a single people with a single language!

This is only the start of their undertakings!

Now nothing they plan to do will be beyond them.

Come, let us go down and confuse their language there,
so that they cannot understand one another.’

From there the Lord scattered them all over the world, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel, since there the Lord confused the language of the whole world, and from there the Lord scattered them all over the world.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial # Psalm 32(33):10-15

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

The Lord frustrates the designs of the nations;
he defeats the plans of the peoples.
The designs of the Lord stand for ever,
the plans of his heart from age to age.

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

Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his heritage.
From the heavens the Lord looks forth;
he sees all the children of Adam.

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

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

A reading from the book of Exodus

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

‘Say this to the House of Jacob! Tell the Israelites,

“You have seen for yourselves what I did to the Egyptians and how I carried you away on eagle’s wings and brought you to myself. So now, if you truly listen to my voice and keep my covenant, you, out of all peoples, shall be my treasured possession, for the whole world is mine. For me you shall be a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.”

These are the words you are to say to the Israelites.’

So Moses went and summoned the elders of the people and laid before them all that the Lord had commanded him, and the people all replied with one accord,

‘Everything the Lord has said, we will do.’

Now at daybreak two days later, there were peals of thunder and flashes of lightning, dense cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast; and all the people who were in the camp trembled. Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet God; and they took their stand at the bottom of the mountain. Mount Sinai was entirely wrapped in smoke, because the Lord had descended on it in the form of fire. The smoke rose like smoke from a furnace and the whole mountain shook violently. Louder and louder grew the trumpeting. Moses spoke, and God answered him in the thunder. The Lord came down on Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain, and called Moses to the top of the mountain; and Moses went up.

The word of the Lord.

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

Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you, Lord, God of our ancestors.

Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed is your glorious and holy name.

Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you in the Temple of your holy glory.

Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingship.

Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you, enthroned on the cherubim who fathom the abyss.

Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed in the expanse of the heavens.

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 decrees of the Lord are steadfast;
they give 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 pure,
abiding for ever.

The judgements of the Lord are true;
they are, all of them, righteous.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than quantities of gold.
And sweeter are they than honey,
than honey flowing 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

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

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The hand of the Lord was on me; he carried me away by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley, and it was full of bones. He made me walk all around among them. There were vast quantities of these bones on the floor of the valley and they were completely dry. He said to me,

‘Son of man, can these bones live?’

I answered,

‘You know, Lord God.’

He said to me,

‘Prophecy over these bones. Say,
“Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.
Thus says the Lord God to these bones:

I am now going to put breath into you and you shall live.
I shall put sinews on you, I shall make flesh grow on you,
I shall cover you with skin and put breath in you and you shall live;
and you will know that I am the Lord.”’

I prophesied as I had been ordered.

While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a clattering sound; it was the bones coming together, one bone to another. And as I looked, they were covered with sinews; flesh was growing on them and skin was covering them yet there was no breath in them. He said to me,

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

“The Lord God says this: Come from the four winds, breath; breathe on these dead so that they come to life!”

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

Then he said,

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

They keep saying,

“Our bones are dry, our hope has gone; we are completely finished.”

So, prophesy. Say to them,

“Thus says the Lord God: I am now going to open your graves;

I shall 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 put my spirit in you, and you shall live

and I will resettle you on your own soil.

Then you will know that I, the Lord,

have spoken and done this – declares the Lord God.”

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial # Psalm 106 (107):2-9

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say this,
those 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.

They wandered in a barren desert,
finding no way to a city to dwell in.
They were hungry 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 guided them along a straight path,
to reach a city they could dwell in.

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of Adam;
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills 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.

Fourth Reading † Joel 3:1-5

I will pour out my spirit on all people.

A reading from the prophet Joel

Thus says the Lord:

'After this I shall pour out my spirit on all humanity.
Your sons and daughters shall prophesy,
your old people shall dream dreams
and your young people see visions.

Even on the slaves, men and women,
in those days shall I pour out my spirit.
I shall show portents in the sky and on earth:
blood and fire and columns of smoke.

The sun shall be turned into darkness
and the moon into blood
before the great and terrible Day of the Lord comes.

Then all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved,
for on Mount Zion will be those who have escaped,

as the Lord has said,
and in Jerusalem will be those whom the Lord calls.'

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, O my soul!
O Lord my God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and honour,
wrapped in light as with 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 creatures.
Bless the Lord, O 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 wide your hand, they are well filled.

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.

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

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that the whole creation, until this time, has joined together in groaning and labour pains. And not only that: we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too are groaning in ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption as sons, for our bodies to be set free. For in hope we were saved; but hope that can be seen is no hope. Who hopes for what can be seen? However, if we are hoping for what we cannot see, we wait for it with perseverance.

Nevertheless, the Spirit too helps us in our weakness, for while we do not know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit personally joins in with unspoken groans; and he who searches hearts knows the mind of the Spirit because the Spirit is joining in on behalf of the saints in accordance with God's will.

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

From his breast shall flow fountains of living waters.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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

‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink!

‘Anyone who believes in me, as scripture says:

“From that heart shall flow streams of living water.”

This he said about 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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