

Pentecost Sunday Mass A

31 May 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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 all heard them speaking in their own languages.

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 language?

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia,
Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

Phrygia and Pamphylia,

Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene,

and visitors from Rome, both Jews and converts,

Cretans and Arabs-

in our own languages we hear them speaking
about God's deeds of power."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

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

or

R. Alleluia.

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

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. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

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.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel

John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead,
the first day of the week,
and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked
for fear of the authorities.

Jesus came and stood among them and said,

"Peace be with you."

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again,

"Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

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 retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.