

# Pentecost Sunday B

23 May 2021

## 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.

Sunday Mass

Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
O Lord my God, you are very great.  
O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
the earth is full of your creatures. **R.**

When you take away their breath, they die,  
and return to their dust.  
When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works.  
May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the Lord. **R.**

### **Second Reading Galatians 5:16-25**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians

Brothers and sisters:

Live by the Spirit,  
and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.

For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit,  
and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh;  
for these are opposed to each other,  
to prevent you from doing what you want.

But if you are led by the Spirit,  
you are not subject to the law.

Now the works of the flesh are obvious:  
fornication, impurity, licentiousness,  
idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife,  
jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions,  
factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing,  
and things like these.

I am warning you, as I warned you before:  
those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,  
gentleness, and self-control.

There is no law against such things.

And those who belong to Christ Jesus  
have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.  
If we live by the Spirit,  
let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation SeqAccl**

### **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 15:26-27; 16:12-15**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus spoke to the disciples:

"When the Advocate comes,  
whom I will send to you from the Father,  
the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father,  
he will testify on my behalf.

You also are to testify  
because you have been with me from the beginning.

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

When the Spirit of truth comes,  
he will guide you into all the truth;  
for he will not speak on his own,  
but will speak whatever he hears,  
and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

He will glorify me,  
because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

"All that the Father has is mine.  
For this reason I said that he will take what is mine  
and declare it to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**