

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Pentecost Sunday Year C

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues 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 foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. ‘Surely’ they said ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.’

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

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

1. 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.

2. 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.

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

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord’ unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

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!

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

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said

to them again, ‘Peace be with you. ‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’ After saying this he breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Holy Ghost, Holy Gust

In the very old days, the ‘Holy Spirit’ was known as the ‘Holy Ghost’. It may come from the old English word ‘gust’ which ‘blows wherever it pleases’. St Luke’s account of Pentecost tells of what ‘sounded like a powerful wind from heaven’. This is the Divine Wind, this is the Holy Gust, the Holy Spirit. Out of nowhere, this mighty Gust burst into the disciples’ lives with gale force, sweeping away their fear. The Divine Wind is nothing less than the Breath of God. ‘O Breathe on me Breath of God’ is one of the most beautiful hymns, sung to a traditional Irish melody.

One verse goes: ‘O Breathe on me Breath of God . . . until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine’. It is like a log at the back of the fireplace late at night. The log is intact but absolutely glowing through and through with fire. It is to be the same with us. Peter was inspired to preach to the crowds ‘with a loud voice’ about ‘Jesus the Nazarene’ and the fact that ‘God raised him to life’. That is the gospel. That is the message which those who breathe with the breath of God have been preaching since the birthday of the Church at Pentecost. We could pause for a moment to pray an ancient chant of the Church: ‘Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they will be created, and you will renew the face of the earth.’

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PENTECOST
SUNDAY
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CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
Mondays 1pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass

“Good News” Wednesdays
after Mass to discuss reading
for the following Sunday. CMR

Morning Retreat -“The Gift of
Years”
June 17th
9.30-12noon CMR
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Cuppa with Mary MacKillop
Tuesday 10th June 10-11am @
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Parish Sacramental Program
2025
Confirmation
Year 6 Retreat Day Thursday
12th June
9.30-2.00pm Carroll College

Wrap with Love
Tuesday 10th June
10-11am BB Library

Craft Group 10am Thursdays
Church Meeting Room

ADORATION TUESDAYS
@ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays
after 9am Mass

Let us sit at the school of the Holy Spirit - Pope Francis

By Linda Bordoni [adapted] ... sourced by Marie W

Pope Francis' homily during Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, 2022, was an invitation to keep listening to the Holy Spirit who teaches us where to begin, shows us what paths to take, rekindles God's love in our hearts and directs us on our journey.

Taking his cue for the Gospel according to John [today's Gospel] (Jn14:26) in which Jesus tells His disciples: “The

Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all I have said to you,” the Pope explained that “The Spirit makes us see everything in a new way, with the eyes of Jesus.”

In the great journey of life, the Spirit teaches us *where to begin, what paths to take, and how to walk.*

The memory of God

Pope Francis explains that the Spirit is *the memory of God*, the one who brings to our minds all that Jesus has said, constantly rekindling the love of God in our hearts.

He noted the experience of his presence “in the forgiveness of our sins, in moments when we are filled with his peace, his freedom and his consolation.” When our lives seem full of failures and disappointments, the Pope explained the Holy Spirit reminds us that we are a son or daughter of God.

“*Even when you lose confidence in yourself, God has confidence in you!*”

He is also the “Consoler”, the Holy Father continued “who can transform the hurts burning within you,” teaching us “not to harbour the memory of all those people and situations that have hurt us, but to let him purify those memories by his presence.”

That is what he did with the apostles and their failures: “Left to themselves, they had no way out,” but the Spirit, he added heals memories by putting at the top of the list the thing that really matters: the memory of God's love, his loving gaze.

“*In this way, he sets our lives in order. He teaches us to accept one another, to forgive one another, to be reconciled with the past & to set out anew.*



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Walbunja people of the Yuin Nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging

