

Pentecost (A)

Mass of the Day

Liturgical Colour: Red.

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Wis 1: 7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.

Or:

Rm 5: 5; cf. 8: 11

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Spirit of God dwelling within us,
alleluia.

Collect

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast
sanctify your whole Church in every people and
nation,
pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit
across the face of the earth
and, with the divine grace that was at work
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
fill now once more the hearts of believers.
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.

First reading

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, they 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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

*R/ Send forth your spirit, O Lord, 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. *R/*
 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. *R/*
 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/*
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Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

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

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

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

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

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, as promised by your Son,
the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly
the hidden mystery of this sacrifice
and graciously lead us into all truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Acts 2: 4, 11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your
Church,
safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given,
that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her
may retain all its force
and that this spiritual food
may gain her abundance of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

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