

# PENTECOST

First Reading

ACTS 2:1-11

## A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost (50<sup>th</sup> day) all the apostles were sitting together in one room. Suddenly they heard a noise from the sky. It sounded like a strong wind blowing through the room they were sitting. Then they saw something that looked like fiery tongues moving in all directions. They went to the heads of the apostles and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak different languages that the Holy Spirit let them speak.

Many people were living in Jerusalem. They were from different countries in the world. They heard the noise and were bewildered (puzzled). They heard the apostles speaking their language. They were amazed and said, “Are these speaking from Galilee? We hear them speaking our very own languages. We are from different places; Partha, Media, Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocica, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, Libya, Cyrene, Rome, Crete and Arabia. Some of us were born Jews and others who became Jews. We hear them speaking in our own language about wonderful things God has done.

The Word of the Lord

Pentecost

**RESPONSE: Lord, make the earth new!**

Praise the Lord!  
Lord, my God, you are wonderful!  
How wonderful are your works.  
The earth is full of things you made.

**RESPONSE:**

Lord, all things depend on you.  
You give food at the right time.  
You gave them food and they ate.  
You feed them until they are full.

**RESPONSE:**

You take away their breath and they die.  
They become dust.  
You give them breath and they are alive.  
You give new life to earth.

**RESPONSE:**

## A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

St. Paul said, “I want you to remember that, through the Holy Spirit, Jesus is the Lord and you should never curse him.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but they are from the same Spirit. There are different ways to serve but it is the same Lord. We each have different ways to serve God but the same God. The Spirit gives each of us a special way of serving others.

The body of Christ is one but it has many different parts. The same way some of us are Jews and others are Gentiles. Some of us are slaves and others are free people. But we are baptized into one body by the same Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.  
Let it burn in them with the fire of your love.

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

JOHN 20:19-23

### A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John

One Sunday evening the disciples gathered in a room. The doors were locked because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly Jesus appeared and stood in the middle. He said, "Peace be with you."

Then he showed them his hands and side. The disciples saw and they became happy. Jesus said again, "Peace be with you. My Father has sent me and I am sending you."

He breathed on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of the people, their sins will be forgiven. But if you don't forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven."

The Good News of the Lord

Pentecost

