

May 31

Pentecost Sunday

Mass During the Day



First Reading (Acts 2:1-11)

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the **mighty acts** of God."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34)

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

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!

How manifold are your works, O LORD!

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

If you take away their breath, they perish
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 be glad in his works!

Pleasing to him be my theme;

I will be glad in the LORD. *R.*

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13)

Brothers and sisters: No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for **some benefit**.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the **body**, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence (Veni, Sancte Spiritus)

Come, Holy Spirit, come!
And from your celestial home
 Shed a ray of light divine!
Come, Father of the poor!
Come, source of all our store!
 Come, within our bosoms shine.
You, of comforters the best;
You, the soul's most welcome guest;
 Sweet refreshment here below;
In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
 Solace in the midst of woe.
O most blessed Light divine,
Shine within these hearts of yours,
 And our inmost being fill!
Where you are not, we have naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
 Nothing free from taint of ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour your 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.

On the faithful, who adore
 And confess you, evermore
 In your sevenfold gift descend;
 Give them virtue's sure reward;
 Give them your salvation, Lord;
 Give them joys that never end. Amen.
 Alleluia.

Gospel (John 20:19-23)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "**Peace be with you.**" When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. 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." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "**Receive the Holy Spirit.** Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



Key Words

God's **mighty acts** are so great that they cannot be counted, but the greatest of these is that he sent his Son to save us. The disciples proclaimed the good news of God's marvelous deed—the death and resurrection of Jesus.

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The **Corinthians** were a community of Christians who lived in Corinth, a city in Greece. Saint Paul wrote them several letters, two of which were preserved and are in the Bible.

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Each of us is unique and has received our own gifts through the Holy Spirit. But we must not keep these gifts to ourselves: they are for **some benefit**, for the good of everyone in the community.

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Saint Paul compares the Church to a human **body**. Although all the parts are different, each is important and all the parts together make one complete body.

When Jesus appears to his disciples after the resurrection, he often says, "**Peace be with you.**" The disciples are afraid and confused, and Jesus tells them not to worry and to be at peace. We can turn to Jesus when we are frightened and confused and we will know his peace in our hearts.

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Jesus says to his disciples, "**Receive the Holy Spirit,**" and he gives them an important power—to forgive sins in God's name. As Christians we care a lot about forgiveness. Jesus taught us to forgive each other when he gave us the Our Father prayer ("as we forgive those who trespass against us").