

# PENTECOST

## 23/05/2010 - Year C

### First Reading: Acts 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.'

This is 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.

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.

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.

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.

### 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation:

### 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 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Gospel : John 14:15-16. 23-26**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.*

Jesus said to his disciples

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever.

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,

and my Father will love him,

and we shall come to him

and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own;

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you

while still with you;

but the Advocate, 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SUGGESTED MUSIC**

*The Spirit of God* (CWB 832, GA 185)

*Come Holy Ghost* (CWB 654, GA 376, NLP 45, RS 611)

*Veni Sancte Spiritus* (G 193, GA 268, NLP 265, RS 615, TIS 752)

*Veni Creator Spiritus* (CWB 851, GA 373, NLP 264, TIS 750)

*Spirit of God Within Me* (RS 610)

*Come Down O Love Divine* (AOV 118, CWB 653, GA 375, RS 617, TIS 398)

*O Breathe on Me* (CWB 758, GA 432, NLP 169, RS 907, TIS 407)

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* (RS 917)

AOV = *As One Voice, Vol 1*

AOVII = *As One Voice, Vol 2*

CWB = *Catholic Worship Book*

DTD = *Dare to Dream*

G = *Gather*

GA = *Gather Australia*

NLP = *New Living Parish Hymn Book*

RS = *Ritual Song*

SSSL = *Sing Spirit Sing Life*

TIS = *Together in Song*