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Solemnity of Pentecost

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Yearning for the Spirit of Unity and Holiness

We live in a world torn by conflicting interests, jealousy, aggressiveness, and so many forms of enslavement. All this is the consequence of SIN, from the first to the latest sin that has darkened the horizon of mankind. Left to ourselves, we would have been unable to overcome such destructive forces. That is why God promised and sent the Holy Spirit, as the divine healing Power that can undo the tragedies of division,

mistrust, and hatred brought about by human sinfulness.

As we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit over the disciples gathered in the Upper Room, let us open our hearts to Him so that we, too, may share in their wonderful experience. May the Holy Spirit fashion us to the likeness of Jesus and into a community characterized by mutual acceptance, appreciation, solidarity, and brotherly love.



INTRODUCTORY RITES



Entrance Antiphon

(To be recited only when no Entrance Hymn is sung.)

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

Greeting

P –May the love, grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All–And with your spirit!

Penitential Act

P –My brothers and sisters, let us realize how much we need the Holy Spirit in our life and in how many ways we

have become unworthy of His presence in us. *(Pause)*

All–I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, *(strike your breast)* through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.

Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P –May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All–Amen!

P –Lord, have mercy!

All–Lord, have mercy!

P –Christ, have mercy!

All–Christ, have mercy!

P –Lord, have mercy!

All–Lord, have mercy!

Gloria

All –Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of

the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen!

Collect (Opening Prayer)

P –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.

All–Amen!



1st Reading Acts 2:1-11

The descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day fulfilled the promise made by Jesus before he ascended into heaven. From that moment on, mankind started becoming the new people of God, characterized by harmony, solidarity, and brotherly love.

R –A proclamation from the Acts of the Apostles

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, the disciples 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!
All–Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm Ps 104

R –*Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!*

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Musical notation for the first line of the Responsorial Psalm. Chords: F, Dm, C, F. Lyrics: Lord, send out your Spi-rit,

Musical notation for the second line of the Responsorial Psalm. Chords: Bb, C, F. Lyrics: and re-new the face of the earth!

* **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.

* **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.

* **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.

2nd Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7.12-13

The community of Corinth was plagued by divisions and rivalries. With fatherly con-

cern, Paul exhorts them to be united in the Holy Spirit, the one source of all gifts.

R –A proclamation from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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!
All–Thanks be to God!

Sequence

**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 Acclamation

All—Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the
hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire
of your love.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 20:19-23

St. John tells us that the Holy Spirit was the first gift that the Risen Christ gave to his disciples on the very day of his resurrection.

**P —The Lord be with you!
All—And with your spirit!**

**P —A proclamation from the
holy Gospel according to
John**

All—Glory 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 dis-
ciples 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 re-
tained.”**

The Gospel of the Lord!

**All—Praise to you, Lord Jesus
Christ!**

Homily

Profession of Faith

(Nicene Creed)

**All—I believe in one God, the
Father almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all things
visible and invisible.**

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (bow)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

Prayer of the Faithful

**P —Aware that we need the
Holy Spirit's help to live up
to the challenges of our Chris-
tian commitment, we pray:**

**All—Come, Holy Spirit,
we need you!**

**C —That the whole Catholic
Church may be, at all times,
an instrument of reconcilia-
tion and a promoter of unity
among all peoples, let us
pray! **R.****

**C —That the Holy Father
and all the other leaders of
the Church may provide the
faithful with an inspiring
leadership, let us pray! **R.****

**C —That all those engaged in
the teaching profession may**

instill authentic values in
their students, let us pray! **R.**

**C —That all civil leaders
throughout the world, espe-
cially in our country, may
be guided solely by concern
for the common good, let us
pray! **R.****

**C —That those among us
who are burdened with trials
of whatever kind may find in
our community the support
they need, let us pray! **R.****

**C —Let us pray in silence for
our personal intentions.
(Pause) Let us pray! **R.****

**P —Spirit of life and holi-
ness, guide our hearts into the
way of love and service, that
we may be valid instruments
in the building of the King-
dom where you live and reign
with the Father and the Lord
Jesus, one God, for ever and
ever.**

All—Amen!



Preparation of the Gifts

P —Pray, brethren . . .

**All—May the Lord accept the
sacrifice at your hands, for the
praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of
all his holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

**P —Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, as promised by your
Son, the Holy Spirit may re-
veal to us more abundantly
the hidden mystery of this
sacrifice and graciously lead
us into all truth.**

Through Christ our Lord.

All—Amen!

Preface of Pentecost

P —The Lord be with you!

All—And with your spirit!

P —Lift up your hearts!

**All—We lift them up to the
Lord!**

**P —Let us give thanks to the
Lord our God!**

All—It is right and just!

**P —It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation, al-
ways and everywhere to give**

you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For, bringing your Paschal Mystery to completion, you bestowed the Holy Spirit today on those you made your adopted children by uniting them to your Only Begotten Son. This same Spirit, as the Church came to birth, opened to all peoples the knowledge of God and brought together the many languages of the earth in profession of the one faith.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

All—Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Memorial Acclamation

P –The mystery of faith!
All—We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again!

COMMUNION RITE



All—Our Father . . .

P –Deliver us, Lord . . .

All—For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

All—Lamb of God . . .

Communion

P –Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All—Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

(To be recited only when no Communion Hymn is sung.)

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

Prayer after Communion

P –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.
All—Amen!

CONCLUDING RITES



P –The Lord be with you.
All—And with your spirit!

P –Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.
(Pause)
May God, the Father of lights, who was pleased to enlighten the disciples’ minds by the out-

pouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete, grant you gladness by his blessing and make you always abound with the gifts of the same Spirit.

All—Amen!

P –May the wondrous flame that appeared above the disciples, powerfully cleanse your hearts from every evil and pervade them with its purifying light.

All—Amen!

P –And may God, who has been pleased to unite many tongues in the profession of one faith, give you perseverance in that same faith and, by believing, may you journey from hope to clear vision.

All—Amen!

P –And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All—Amen!

P –Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life!

Alleluia! Alleluia!
All—Thanks be to God!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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