

VIGIL MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 103)

RESPONSE: **Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

Or

Alleluia!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out: If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink, alleluia.

VIGIL READINGS Genesis 11:1-9; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39

MASS DURING THE DAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia. **Or**

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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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn)
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

TODAYS READINGS Acts 2:1-11; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23-26

NEXT WEEK (Trinity Sunday, Year C):
Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

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Come Holy Spirit



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Today's feast of Pentecost brings the liturgical season of Easter to a close. With the Risen Christ's gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples, the plan of salvation is brought to its conclusion.

In the Book of Acts, Luke recounts the events of that first Pentecost day, fifty days after the resurrection (hence the name Pentecost), when the Holy Spirit descended on the assembled disciples in a rush of mighty wind and tongues of fire. They were all "filled with the Holy Spirit," and began to speak in various languages. Luke's readers would have recognised the resonance with the story of Moses and the people of Israel on Mt Sinai when the voice of God divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received the Law in their own tongue.

John's gospel reading recalls that the risen Christ appeared to the disciples who were huddled in fear behind closed doors following Jesus's death. Jesus first greets them, "Peace be with you." (How much they needed that!) He then commissions them: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Finally, he breathes on them and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

The disciples then take up the mission given to them by Christ. Hence, on this feast, we celebrate the birth of the Church. It is born of the mission – a mission to the whole world – which Jesus gives to his disciples and which

they take up in the power of the Holy Spirit. Inspired and indeed emboldened by the Holy Spirit, they then go forth to preach the good news of Jesus, crucified and now risen.

It is the same mission and the same Holy Spirit which is given to us in our time.

The Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus. It is the Spirit of God, the Giver of Life, the life-giving force in the work of creation, and the life-giving force at work in our lives. It is the Paraclete, our Advocate, our Counsellor.

And with the descent of the Holy Spirit on that first Pentecost, God as Trinity is revealed in its fullness. As Christians, we believe that the One God exists in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is that Trinitarian faith that we affirm each time we make the sign of the Cross, and each time we recite the Creed.

Today is truly one of the great feasts in the Church's calendar, a red vestments day to remind us of those tongues of fire of the Holy Spirit. How blessed are we, people of the Trinity, people of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Trinity of life, light and love. As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let us give thanks for the gift of faith that is given to us, the hope that is in us, and the love that animates us.

And in a world threatened by war, conflict, climate change, environmental degradation, and political upheaval, let us pray: "Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the Earth."

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