

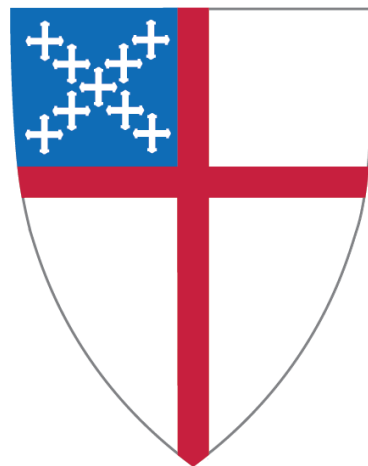
The Lessons Appointed for Use on the

Day of Pentecost:

Whitsunday

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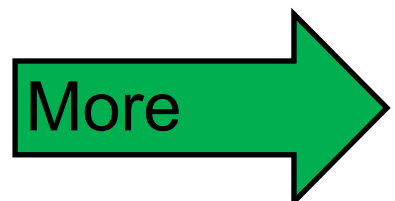


(First Reading)

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."



But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

**`In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall
prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.**

**Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.**

And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

**before the coming of the Lord's great and
glorious day.**

**Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
shall be saved.' "**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

(People: Thanks be to God.)



(Psalm)

Psalm 104

Let's say it responsively by half verse.

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *

let those who hate him flee before him.

**Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it
away; ***

*as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence
of God.*

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *

let them also be merry and joyful.

**Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who
rides upon the heavens; ***

YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

Father of orphans, defender of widows, *

God in his holy habitation!

**God gives the solitary a home and brings forth
prisoners into freedom; ***

but the rebels shall live in dry places.

O God, when you went forth before your people, *

when you marched through the wilderness,

**The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at
the presence of God, the God of Sinai, ***

at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

More 

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *

you refreshed the land when it was weary.

Your people found their home in it; *

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *

sing praises to the Lord.

He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *

he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God; *

his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

How wonderful is God in his holy places! *

*the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed
be God!*



(The Epistle Reading)

A Reading from First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All

these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

(People: *Thanks be to God.*



Prayers of the People

You may stand, sit or kneel for the prayers

Celebrant: In the peace of the risen Christ, Empowering God, you gave the church the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit. Look upon your church today and hear our petitions. Let us offer our prayers to the Lord, saying: Hear us, Lord. Alleluia!

Intercessor: Holy Spirit, Breath of God, grant an extra measure of your gifts to those who lead us in your Church, as they valiantly strive to guide our spiritual journey through these trying and uncertain times. And to this let us say:

All: Hear us, Lord. Alleluia!

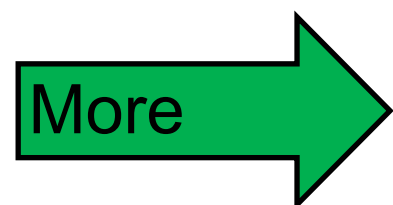
Intercessor: Holy Spirit, Breath of God, let us breathe deeply of your sacred fire and the gifts that it brings into us, onto us, and through us, to fuel our desire for faith-filled living and action, in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

And to this let us say:

All: Hear us, Lord. Alleluia!

Intercessor: Holy Spirit, Breath of God, may all people and all nations make room for your presence, especially the one third of humanity who do not have access to the gospel. May they come to recognize you, to trust you, and to love you. And to this let us say:

All: Hear us, Lord. Alleluia!



Intercessor: Holy Spirit, Breath of God, lighten the burden of pain for those who are weakened in body, spirit, and soul; and ease the worry of all who give comfort and care, if only at a distance. We now join our hearts together to pray for those in need...

(Please add your own intercessions or thanksgivings out loud or in the silence of your heart.)

Intercessor: And to this let us say:

All: Hear us, Lord. Alleluia!

Intercessor: Holy Spirit, Breath of God, soothe the weary hearts of those who struggle in the midst of grief, as you carry those who have left us, into the loving and eternal arms of Christ. We pray especially for...

(Please add your own intercessions or thanksgivings out loud or in the silence of your heart.)

Intercessor: And to this let us say:

All: Hear us, Lord. Alleluia!

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!" So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

The Gospel of the Lord.