

PENTECOST

PENITENTIAL RITE

ACT OF CONTRITION

O God, from the depth of my heart I am sorry for sinning against You. Through my sins I have turned away from You, displeased You and offended You. I promise to confess my sins, to do penance and with Your grace to amend my life by following You closely and keeping Your commandments.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Wisdom 1: 7-8

C: For the Spirit of the Lord fills the world, is all- embracing, and knows what man says. Alleluia.

R. Therefore no one who utters wicked things can go unnoticed, nor will chastising condemnation pass him by. Alleluia.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with out end. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship You; we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 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.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray. [pause briefly] Holy Spirit, Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father, have mercy on us. As You descended upon the disciples in the upper room, so now once again descend on Your Church. In flame our hearts, enlighten our minds and purify our souls. For together with the Father and the Son You live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew 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:

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 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.

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 the hearts of Yours, And our inmost being fill! Where You are not, man has naught, Nothing good indeed 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 Acclamations

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

John 20-19-23

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."

Commentary on Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11

There is a great sense of mystery in the first paragraph that Luke wrote, seen in the words "what sounded like" and 'something that seemed like' - almost as if Saint Luke cannot quite find the words to describe the experience. You must ensure that amazement and astonishment is present in your voice throughout the second paragraph. Don't worry about the list of strange names - but make sure you practice them out loud beforehand: it would be a shame if the reading was spoiled because your tongue "tripped up" over "Phrygia and Pamphylia"! What is important to remember is that the reading should never be about the past tense. It is God's word to you and me now! Jesus is alive. The Spirit is in every Christian and we continue Christ's mission in English, Polish, Slovak, French, Spanish, in all the languages of the world today.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Paul is concerned about his congregation in Corinth. In it, a charismatic group has organized and glossolalia (speaking in tongues) is practiced. Its effect on the congregation has not been good. Those who have failed to participate are looked upon as second-class Christians and divisiveness has ensued. Paul does not condemn the movement. He sees in it the outpouring of the Spirit must build up the Church, not tear it apart.

Gospel Reading John 20: 19-23

The theological background sometimes is called "the Pentecost according to John." Notice that Jesus uses the symbolism of "breathing" when He communicates His Spirit to the disciples. Breath was the sign of life of the ancient Hebrews, and we ourselves still practice mouth to mouth resuscitation in a case of emergency. The symbolism of "breathing" reminds us also of the first verse of the Bible, where the "ruah Yahweh" (breath-spirit of the Creator-God) is mentioned as the life-giving and animating principle of all creation. Jesus was a Jew and as such deeply steeped in Hebrew literature and culture.

NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of 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 and giver of life who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSION

Celebrant: Since God endows us with the gifts of His own life, by imparting the Holy Spirit, let us come to him with prayers inspired by the Holy Spirit. Let us come to him, alive and free in the divine presence.

L: Our response is Lord hear our prayer.

L: For all who have been signed and sealed with the Holy Spirit, that our Church may be united as one body made of many parts, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For the people of the world who do not know God, that the Spirit of truth proclaimed to every nation may indeed “renew the face of the earth”, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For the outpouring of the Spirit of peace, that men and woman may know the forgiveness of their sins; let us pray to the Lord.

L: For this community of Holy Family gathered by God in our continuance of Discipleship, may the Spirit who makes holy our Eucharistic gifts strengthen and refresh us, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For the end of covid-19, so that we can begin our normal lives and activities again with no deceitful political agendas, let us pray to the Lord.

L: That the Holy Spirit inspire men in our Church, in this month of Sacred Vocations, recognize God’s calling, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For the souls of the departed, that they may be made perfect in the life-giving Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Father all powerful, receive these prayers from a people made one by the Holy Spirit, who always dwells within us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

OFFERTORY VERSE

When the Advocate comes Whom I will send you from the father, the Spirit of Truth that proceeds from the Father, He will not speak on His own, He will take from what is Mine and give it to you. Alleluia. John 15:26, 16:13b-14a

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy Spirit, Comforter and Advocate, sanctify our gifts. Guide us in truth, defend us from evil and enrich us with grace. For together with the Father and the Son You live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

COMMUNION VERSE

When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the earth. Alleluia. Psalm 104:30

PRAYER AFTER SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Let us pray. [pause briefly] Holy Spirit, our Comforter, through this Holy Eucharist grant us a new vision and a new counsel, new wisdom and fresh understanding, the revival of our piety and the renewal of our fortitude, so we may go forth from this place faithful in service and fruitful in deeds. Establish us in the knowledge of God and in the fear of the Lord that we may see the Kingdom of Heaven upon the earth. For together with the Father and the Son You live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

PRAYER IN TIME OF NATIONAL ANXIETY

Let us pray. I come to You, Lord, in this time of uncertainty and confusion that has gripped our nation. I pray that our leaders and representatives in government are filled with Your peace, strength and courage. May your gifts of wisdom and understanding, fortitude and counsel be sought and utilized by them for the well-being of our country. By their belief and trust in You may they provide capable leadership, promote unity and peace, and be attentive to the concerns of our people. May Your Church provide support and comfort; and help strengthen our hope for peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.