

The Eucharist

31 May 2020



PENTECOST SUNDAY / A



Pentecost is the feast of the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, the comforter, who would help the disciples to communicate their experience and knowledge of Jesus, who had left a deep impression on them. Pentecost is a chance for us to bring out our dormant talents and qualities so as to help spread the Good News.



'Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them.'

FIRST READING

(Acts 2:1-11)

On Pentecost Sunday when the apostles preached, they spoke a language that everyone understood, the language of love. This is to be understood in the context of the story of the Tower of Babel where the people thought that they could control God. But he made their language unintelligible to each other.

SECOND READING

(1 Corinthians 12:3-7.12-13)

We read in this passage, 'There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit.' It is challenging us to be aware of the many gifts present in all sorts of ways and in different people. Every gift from God is meant for the good of all. We should not take these divine gifts for granted.

GOSPEL

(John 20:19-23)

On Easter Sunday evening the risen Jesus did not make his disciples feel guilty or ashamed of abandoning him at his arrest, but conferred on them the gifts of peace, joy and courage.

— Fr Patrick Moroney, SVD

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Vigil Mass: (Rm 5:5; Cf. 8:11)

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

Mass during the Day: (Ws 1:7)

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy.

Or: Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Or: Kyrie, eleison.

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy.

Or: Christe, eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Or: Christe, eleison.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father

to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy.

Or: Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Or: Kyrie, eleison.

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

Amen.

Gloria

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

Vigil Mass:

Almighty ever-living God, who willed the Paschal Mystery to be encompassed as a sign in fifty days,

grant that from out of the scattered nations
the confusion of many tongues
may be gathered by heavenly grace
into one great confession of your name.
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. **Amen.**

Mass during the Day:

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. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

VIGIL MASS

FIRST READING

(Gen 11:1-9)

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Throughout the earth men spoke the same language, with the same vocabulary. Now as they moved eastwards they found a plain in the land of Shinar where they settled. They said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks and bake them in the fire.' — For stone they used bricks, and for mortar they used bitumen. — 'Come,' they said, 'let us build ourselves a town and a tower with its top reaching heaven. Let us make a name for ourselves, so that we may not be scattered about the whole earth.'

Now the Lord came down to see the town and the tower that the sons of man had built. 'So they are all a single people with a single language!' said the Lord. 'This is but the start of their undertakings! There will be nothing too hard for them to do. Come, let us go down and confuse their language on the spot so that they can no longer understand one another.' The Lord scattered them thence over the whole face of the earth, and they stopped building the town. It was named Babel therefore, because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth. It was from there that the Lord scattered them over the whole face of the earth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 103:1-2.24.27-30.35)

**℟ Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe! **℟**
2. How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
Bless the Lord, my soul. **℟**
3. All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill. **℟**

4. 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. **℟**

SECOND READING

(Rom 8:22-27)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free. For we must be content to hope that we shall be saved — our salvation is not in sight, we should not have to be hoping for it if it were — but, as I say, we must hope to be saved since we are not saved yet — it is something we must wait for with patience.

The Spirit too comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

(Jn 7:37-39)

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

On the last day and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood there and cried out:

'If any man is thirsty, let him come to me!

Let the man come and drink who believes in me!'

As scripture says: From his breast shall flow fountains of living water.

He was speaking of the Spirit which those who believed in him were to receive; for there was no Spirit as yet because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

MASS DURING THE DAY

FIRST READING

(Acts 2:1-11)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 103:1.24.29-31.34)

**R Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

1. 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**
2. 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**
3. 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 Cor 12:3-7.12-13)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

(The sequence may be said or sung).

**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!**

GOSPEL

(Jn 20:19-23)

 The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Profession of Faith

(Nicene Creed)

**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,**

*At the words that follow, up to and including
and became man, all 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.

The priest introduces the Prayer of the Faithful.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**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

Vigil Mass:

Pour out upon these gifts the blessing of your Spirit,
we pray, O Lord,
so that through them your Church may be imbued
with such love
that the truth of your saving mystery
may shine forth for the whole world.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Mass during the Day:

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, as promised by your Son,
the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly
the hidden mystery of this sacrifice
and graciously lead us into all truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer (*Preface: The Mystery of Pentecost*)

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts ...

After the consecration

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

Communion Antiphon

Vigil Mass:

(Jn 7:37)

**On the last day of the festival,
Jesus stood and cried aloud:
If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink,
alleluia.**

Mass during the Day:

(Acts 2:4.11)

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

Prayer after Communion

Vigil Mass:

May these gifts we have consumed
benefit us, O Lord,
that we may always be aflame with the same Spirit,
whom you wondrously poured out on your Apostles.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mass during the Day:

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. **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Thanks be to God.

Personal Prayer

Lord our God, as we celebrate today the mystery of the
gift of the Spirit to your Church, grant our humble prayer.

Let this Spirit penetrate the places of our lives where
disbelief still remains.

As we conclude the Easter season may we too take
courage from the presence of the Spirit within us and
show this joy by lives of justice and peace.

Strengthen all who have received the Spirit in baptism
and confirmation to further the kingdom.

We make this prayer through Christ, the Lord, who lives
with you and the same Holy Spirit. Amen.