

**SUNDAY, May 23, 2021**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Prayer for the Morning**

The Spirit of God fills the whole universe: come, let us sing praise, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

**Hymn**

**Meter: LM**

Rejoice! the year upon its way  
Has brought again that blessed day,  
When on the chosen of the Lord  
The Holy Spirit was outpoured.  
On each the fire, descending, stood,  
In quiv'ring tongues' similitude,  
Tongues, that their words might ready prove,  
And fire, to make them flame with love.  
To all in every tongue they spoke;  
Amazement in the crowd awoke,  
Who mocked, as overcome with wine,  
Those who were filled with power divine.  
And now, O holy God, this day  
Regard us as we humbly pray,  
And send us, from your heavenly seat,  
The blessings of the Paraclete.

**Psalm**

**150**

*The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world!*  
(cf. Wis 1:7)  
*At this culmination of the Easter season, let us  
unite in a great chorus of praise in the Spirit, who  
is the life-breath of the whole world made new in  
the Death and Resurrection of Christ.*

Praise God in his holy place,  
praise him in his mighty heavens.  
Praise him for his powerful deeds,  
praise his surpassing greatness.  
O praise him with sound of trumpet,  
praise him with lute and harp.  
Praise him with timbrel and dance,  
praise him with strings and pipes.  
O praise him with resounding cymbals,  
praise him with clashing of cymbals.  
Let everything that lives and that breathes  
give praise to the Lord.      **Glory to the Father**

**Word of God**

**Ephesians 1:11-14**

In [Christ] we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life!  
(Nicene Creed)

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*With all prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit.*  
(Eph 6:18)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father...**

**Intercessions**

With confidence let us pray to the Father, who created the Church through the gift of the Spirit:

**R/Renew, O Lord, the face of the earth!**

O Christ, seated in glory at the right hand of God, you poured forth on your disciples the Holy Spirit received from the Father: – send your Spirit to make new the world. **R/**

O Christ, you breathed upon your Apostles, giving them the Spirit for the remission of sins: – send your Spirit to wash away our faults. **R/**

O Christ, you promised that the Spirit would teach us all things and remind us of what you yourself had said: – send your Spirit to enlighten our faith. **R/**

O Christ, you promised to send the Spirit of truth to bear witness to you: – send your Spirit to enable us to give faithful testimony **R/**

#### **Personal intentions**

#### **Our Father....**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that the splendor of your glory may shine forth upon us, and that, by the bright rays of the Holy Spirit, the Light of your light may confirm the hearts of those born again by your grace. 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 - Sunday, May 16, 2021**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

#### **Reading 1** **Acts of the Apostles 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.”

#### **Reading 2** **1 Corinthians 12:3b-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.

#### **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.”

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#### **Men of St. Joseph Prayer**

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God’s commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God’s will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family’s salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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