

Sunday, May 23, 2010

Day of Pentecost

Holy Communion

Worship Assistants

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1–21

A reading from _____.

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, surrounded by signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages in their midst, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In 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.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' \

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

Refrain: Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

²⁴How manifold are your ^l works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full ^l of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man-^l y to number,
living things both ^l small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships ^l to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the ^l sport of it.

²⁷**All of them ^l look to you
to give them their food ^l in due season. R**

²⁸You give it to them; they ^l gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled ^l with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, ^l they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return ^l to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they ^l are created;
and so you renew the face ^l of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD en-^l dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in ^l all your works. R**

³²You look at the earth ^l and it trembles;
you touch the mountains ^l and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long ^l as I live;
I will praise my God while I ^l have my being.**

³⁴May these words of ^l mine please God.
I will rejoice ^l in the LORD.

³⁵**Bless the LORD, ^l O my soul.
Hal-^l lelujah! R**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:14–17

A reading from _____.

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive new names in our adoption: brother, sister, child of God.

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him

so that we may also be glorified with him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 14:8–17 [25–27]

The holy gospel according to _____.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the glory of the resurrection dawn, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

Come, Holy Spirit, and kindle the flame of gospel witness. We pray for leaders of the church and all the people of God, that together we might preach the gospel to those with needy hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth. We pray for oceans and sky, for rivers and deserts, for lakes and forests, for mountains and grasslands. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Come, Holy Spirit, pour out justice on all the nations. We pray for countries wracked with violence, for soldiers and civilians, for peacemakers and relief agencies. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Come, Holy Spirit, give hopeful visions to the young and restful dreams to the old. We pray for those whose lives are nightmares, for those who feel distanced from your light, and for those in any need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Come, Holy Spirit, lead us in our work. We pray for firefighters and scientists, for midwives and custodians, for writers and housekeepers, for parents and students, and for so many others in our community. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Come, Holy Spirit, and bind us to the communion of saints who have gone before us. We remember with thanksgiving all those who served and witnessed by your power (*especially*).

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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