



# Today's Readings

Day of Pentecost  
May 31, 2020

## Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

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

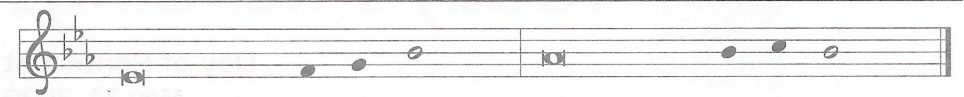
<sup>17</sup>"In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon  
all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters  
shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream  
dreams.

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

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's  
great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name  
of the Lord shall be saved."

or Numbers 11:24-30 [not printed]



How manifold are your <sup>1</sup>works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full <sup>1</sup>of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
with its swarms too man- <sup>1</sup>y to number,  
living things both <sup>1</sup>small and great.

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships <sup>1</sup>to and fro,  
and Leviathan,  
which you made for the <sup>1</sup>sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>All of them <sup>1</sup>look to you  
to give them their food  
<sup>1</sup>in due season.

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they <sup>1</sup>gather it;  
you open your hand,  
and they are filled  
<sup>1</sup>with good things.

<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face,  
<sup>1</sup>they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return <sup>1</sup>to their dust.

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit,  
and they <sup>1</sup>are created;  
and so you renew  
the face <sup>1</sup>of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD  
en- <sup>1</sup>dure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in <sup>1</sup>all your works.

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth <sup>1</sup>and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains  
<sup>1</sup>and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD  
as long <sup>1</sup>as I live;  
I will praise my God  
while I <sup>1</sup>have my being.

<sup>34</sup>May these words of <sup>1</sup>mine please God.  
I will rejoice <sup>1</sup>in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>Bless the LORD, <sup>1</sup>O my soul.  
Hal- <sup>1</sup>lelujah!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 [not printed]

or Acts 2:1-21 [see First Reading]

Gospel

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

or John 7:37-39 [not printed]