

Pentecost Sunday - Extended Vigil

"We need the Spirit's prompting, lest we be paralyzed by fear and excessive caution, lest we grow used to keeping within safe bounds. Let us remember that closed spaces grow musty and unhealthy." –Pope Francis

"Just as two rushing rivers intermingle in such a way that the smaller loses its name and is absorbed into the larger, so the divine Spirit acts upon the soul and absorbs it. It is proper that the soul, which is lesser, should lose its name and surrender to the Spirit, as it will if it turns entirely toward the Spirit and is united. His word is heard by all in the most attentive silence; through the impetus of love, the unmoved yet most perfect mover infuses himself into all. Come, Holy Spirit. Let the precious pearl of the Father and the Word's delight come. Spirit of truth, you are the reward of the saints, the comforter of souls, light in the darkness, riches to the poor, treasure to lovers, food for the hungry, comfort to those who are wandering; to sum up, you are the one in whom all treasures are contained." - St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

You will Receive Power

Chorus: You will receive Power when the Holy Spirit falls upon you. You will be witnesses to all the ends of the earth. 2x

1. In the time after the suffering of the Lord, He showed us many ways that He was still alive. And He told us not to leave Jerusalem until we are full with the power of Christ.

Chorus:

Come, Holy Ghost

1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up Thy rest;
come with Thy grace and heavenly aid
to fill the hearts which Thou hast made 2x.

2. O comforter, to Thee we cry, Thou heavenly gift of God Most High,
Thou fount of life and fire of love,
and sweet anointing from above 2x.

3. Praise be to thee Father and Son, and Holy Spirit three in one.

And may the Son on us bestow

The gifts that from the Spirit flows 2x.

Introduction

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we have now begun our Pentecost Vigil, after the example of the Apostles and disciples, who with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, persevered in prayer, awaiting the Spirit promised by the Lord; like them, let us listen with quiet hearts to the Word of God.

Let us meditate on how many great deeds God in times past did for his people and let us pray that the Holy Spirit, whom the Father sent as the first fruits for those who believe, may bring to perfection his work in the world.

First Readings Genesis 11:1-9 Fall of Babel

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The whole world spoke the same language, using the same words.

While the people were migrating in the east, they came upon a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there.

They said to one another,

"Come, let us mold bricks and harden them with fire."

They used bricks for stone, and bitumen for mortar.

Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky, and so make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered all over the earth."

The LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the people had built.
Then the LORD said: "If now, while they are one people, all speaking the same language, they have started to do this, nothing will later stop them from doing whatever they presume to do. Let us then go down there and confuse their language, so that one will not understand what another says."

Thus the LORD scattered them from there all over the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the speech of all the world. It was from that place that he scattered them all over the earth.

The Word of the Lord

Quiet Time

What word or phrase spoke to you from the Tower of Babel account? Why?

Responsorial Psalm 33

R. (12) Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The LORD brings to naught the plans of nations;
he foils the designs of peoples.

But the plan of the LORD stands forever;
the design of his heart, through all generations.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.

From heaven the LORD looks down;
he sees all mankind.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

From his fixed throne he beholds
all who dwell on the earth,
He who fashioned the heart of each,
he who knows all their works.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Prayer for Tower Babel

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that your Church may always remain that holy people,
formed as one by the unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
which manifests to the world
the Sacrament of your holiness and unity
and leads it to the perfection of your charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Second Reading Exodus 19:3-8, 16-20 Theophany on Mount Sinai

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Moses went up the mountain to God.

Then the LORD called to him and said,

"Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob; tell the Israelites:

You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself.

Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine.

You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.

That is what you must tell the Israelites."

So Moses went and summoned the elders of the people.

When he set before them all that the LORD had ordered him to tell them, the people all answered together,

"Everything the LORD has said, we will do."

On the morning of the third day there were peals of thunder and lightning, and a heavy cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled.

But Moses led the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stationed themselves at the foot of the mountain.

Mount Sinai was all wrapped in smoke, for the LORD came down upon it in fire.

The smoke rose from it as though from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently.

The trumpet blast grew louder and louder, while Moses was speaking, and God answering him with thunder.

When the LORD came down to the top of Mount Sinai, he summoned Moses to the top of the mountain.

The Word of the Lord

Quiet Time

What word or phrase spoke to you from the Theophany on Mount Sinai account? Why?

Responsorial Psalm DANIEL 3

R. Glory and praise forever!

"Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever; and blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages."

R. Glory and praise forever!

"Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory, praiseworthy and glorious above all forever."

R. Glory and praise forever!

"Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever."

R. Glory and praise forever!

"Blessed are you who look into the depths from your throne upon the cherubim, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever."

R. Glory and praise forever!

"Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven, praiseworthy and glorious forever."

R. Glory and praise forever!

Prayer for Exodus Theophany

O God, who in fire and lightning gave the ancient Law to Moses on Mount Sinai and on this day manifested the new covenant in the fire of the Spirit; grant, we pray, that we may always be aflame with that same Spirit whom you wondrously poured out on your Apostles, and that the new Israel, gathered from every people, may receive with rejoicing the eternal commandment of your love. Through Christ our Lord.

Third Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14 Dry Bones

A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he led me out in the spirit of the LORD and set me in the center of the plain, which was now filled with bones.

He made me walk among the bones in every direction so that I saw how many they were on the surface of the plain.

How dry they were!

He asked me: Son of man, can these bones come to life?

I answered, "*Lord GOD, you alone know that.*"

Then he said to me: Prophecy over these bones, and say to them:

Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!

Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones:

See! I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.

I will put sinews upon you, make flesh grow over you, cover you with skin, and put spirit in you so that you may come to life and know that I am the LORD.

I, Ezekiel, prophesied as I had been told, and even as I was prophesying I heard a noise; it was a rattling as the bones came together, bone joining bone.

I saw the sinews and the flesh come upon them, and the skin cover them, but there was no spirit in them.

Then the LORD said to me: Prophecy to the spirit, prophecy, son of man, and say to the spirit: Thus says the Lord GOD: From the four winds come, O spirit, and breathe into these slain that they may come to life.

I prophesied as he told me, and the spirit came into them; they came alive and stood upright, a vast army.

Then he said to me: Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel.

They have been saying,

"Our bones are dried up, our hope is lost, and we are cut off."

Therefore, prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD:

O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel.

Then you shall know that I am the LORD,

when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people!

I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD.

I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord

Quiet Time

What word or phrase spoke to you from the Dry Bones account? Why?

Responsorial Psalm 107

R. Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say,
those whom he has redeemed from the hand of the foe
And gathered from the lands,
from the east and the west, from the north and the south.

R. Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.

They went astray in the desert wilderness;
the way to an inhabited city they did not find.
Hungry and thirsty, their life was wasting away within them.

R. Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.

They cried to the LORD in their distress; from their straits he rescued them.
And he led them by a direct way to reach an inhabited city.

R. Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy
and his wondrous deeds to the children of men,
Because he satisfied the longing soul and filled the hungry soul with good things.

R. Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.

Prayer for Ezekiel's Dry Bones

Lord, God of power,
who restore what has fallen and preserve what you have restored;
increase, we pray, the peoples to be renewed by the sanctification of your name,
that all who are washed clean by holy Baptism,
may always be directed by your prompting.
Through Christ our Lord.

Fourth Reading Joel 3:1-5 Pouring out of God's Spirit

A Reading from the Prophet Joel

Thus says the LORD:

I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh.

Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams,
your young men shall see visions; even upon the servants and the handmaids,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

And I will work wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood, fire, and columns of smoke;
the sun will be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood,
at the coming of the day of the LORD, the great and terrible day.

Then everyone shall be rescued who calls on the name of the LORD;
for on Mount Zion there shall be a remnant, as the LORD has said,
and in Jerusalem survivors whom the LORD shall call.

The Word of the Lord

Quiet Time

What word or phrase spoke to you from the Pouring out of God's Spirit account? Why?

Responsorial 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!

You are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have wrought them all the earth is full of your creatures;
bless the LORD, O my soul! Alleluia.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Creatures all look to you to give them food in due time.

When you give it to them, they gather it;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

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. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Prayer for Joel's Pouring out of God's Spirit

Fulfill for us your gracious promise,

O Lord, we pray, so that by his coming the Holy Spirit may make us witnesses before the world
to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Fifth Reading Romans 8:22-27 The Spirit within us

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

For in hope we were saved.

Now hope that sees is not hope.

For who hopes for what one sees?

But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.

In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness;

for we do not know how to pray as we ought,

but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit,

because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

The Word of the Lord

Quiet Time

What word or phrase spoke to you from the Spirit within us account? Why?

Responsorial Psalm 22

R. When the Advocate comes, you will be my witnesses.

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord, give him praise;
all children of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's children.'

R. When the Advocate comes, you will be my witnesses.

You are my praise in the great assembly.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live forever and ever.

R. When the Advocate comes, you will be my witnesses.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:

'These things the Lord has done.'

R. When the Advocate comes, you will be my witnesses.

Prayer for Spirit within Us

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.

Come Holy Spirit Let the Fire Fall

1 Holy Spirit, come with your fire. 4x

Chorus: Come Holy Spirit let the fire fall.

2 Holy Spirit, purify my heart. 4x

Chorus:

Sixth Reading Acts 2:1-11 Pentecost

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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

Quiet Time

What word or phrase spoke to you from the Pentecost Experience? Why?

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel John 7:37-39 Living Waters of the Spirit within us

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John

Jesus stood up and exclaimed,

"Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.

As Scripture says: Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me."

He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive.

There was, of course, no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord

Quiet Time

What word or phrase spoke to you from the living waters of the Spirit within us? Why?

Prayer for the Release of the Holy Spirit

I, N., pray for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Fill me with Your hope-filled presence. Inspire me to be a better person. Show me where I need to grow and mature as a Catholic Christian. Deepen my friendship with God. Awaken in me a desire to pray more, to listen to God more, to read the Bible more, and to be more willing to participate and become more involved in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Support me when I become discouraged. Guide and comfort me when I face the challenges and difficulties of life. Show me how to love, care and be more generous in sharing my gifts, my talents and myself. Help me to respect and encourage others rather than tearing them down and hurt them with unkind words and actions. Strengthen me in times of temptation to do good and avoid evil. Forgive the wrongs I have done, as I forgive those who have wronged me. Heal me your precious child. Help me be a more grateful person who expresses my thanks and appreciation to God and to others for all they have given me. Amen

Virtual Laying on of Hands

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Final Blessing

May God the Father of lights, who was pleased to enlighten the disciples' minds by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, grant us His blessing and make us always overflow with the gifts of the Spirit.

All: Amen

May the wondrous flame that appeared above the disciples, powerfully cleanse our hearts from every evil and permeate us with His purifying light.

All: Amen

And may God, who has been pleased to unite many tongues in the profession of one faith, give us determination in that same faith and strengthen us on our earthly journey from our hope of being with you to one day seeing You face-to-face in heaven.

All: Amen

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit come down upon us and remain with us forever and ever.

All: Amen

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