

First Reader: **A READING FROM ACTS**

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

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

'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.

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

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

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

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: **Responding by half verse:**

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
**in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
**with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.**
- 27 There move the ships,
**and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it.**
- 28 All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified;
**you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.**
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him;
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah!

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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Prayers of the People:

Peace be with you, siblings in Christ. In wonder and gratitude, let us pray, saying,

“You send forth your Spirit: **Come Holy Spirit.**”

Holy God, by your Spirit you gave birth to your Church: may our many members be the one Body of Christ in this world. Give to each member of your Church the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. *Silence*

You send forth your Spirit: **Come Holy Spirit.**

Holy God, you have your disciples that ability to speak in the languages of the people: may we also speak about your deeds of power throughout the world, that all may know of your salvation. *Silence*

You send forth your Spirit: **Come Holy Spirit.**

Holy God, the earth is full of your creatures: may all who look to you be given food in due season. Open your hand in desolate places and fill the hungry with good things. *The congregation may add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

You send forth your Spirit: **Come Holy Spirit.**

Holy God, you poured out your Holy Spirit in your Holy City Jerusalem: pour out your Spirit in our own city. Raise up prophets and dreamers; give us vision. *Silence*

You send forth your Spirit: **Come Holy Spirit.**

Holy God, you give the gift of healing by your Spirit: bring healing and wholeness to all those on our hearts and minds this day. You renew the face of the earth; bring renewal to those in need. *The Congregation may add their petitions, followed by silence.*

You send forth your Spirit: **Come Holy Spirit.**

Holy God, we pray for our siblings in Christ who were baptized into the one body, who were made to drink of the one Spirit, and who now have died in Christ. May those who have called upon your name, O Lord, be saved forever. *Silence*

You send forth your Spirit: **Come Holy Spirit.**

The Celebrant concludes, adding a Collect.