

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Pentecost Sunday

- 1) Acts 2:1-11
- 2) 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
or Romans 8:8-17
- 3) John 20:19-23
or John 14:15-16, 23b-26

FOCUS: Today is Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, honoring the coming of the Spirit into our midst.

The early Church was expanded when the resurrected Jesus left his disciples, promising to send the Holy Spirit to be with them on earth. Empowered by his presence among them, they began preaching the word even though they faced many challenges. The people listened and were baptized, and the Church was born.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the Apostles are filled with the Holy Spirit and begin speaking in different languages. Paul writes to the Corinthians that there is only one Spirit, but he bestows many spiritual gifts on the family of God. In the Gospel, Jesus comes to the disciples in the locked room, offers them peace, and breathes on them, saying, *receive the Holy Spirit*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Moved by the Spirit, let us join our hearts and our souls together in asking the Father to hear our prayers.

- 1) For Pope Francis and all the clergy, may the Holy Spirit continue to fill them with grace, strengthen their faith, and guide them in spreading the Good News, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For public officials, may God direct them in just and fair decision-making, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those struggling with difficult decisions, may the Holy Spirit fortify their hearts and bring them clarity, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those in this faith community who are in physical, mental, or emotional pain, may God send his Spirit to comfort them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all those who have died, may God welcome them into his heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God our loving Father, hear our prayers, presented to you with love and trust in your goodness. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.