

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

- 1) Acts 2:1-11
- 2) 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
or Galatians 5:16-25 3)
- 3) John 20:19-23
or 15:26-27; 16:12-15

FOCUS: The Holy Spirit gives and renews life, to each of us and to the Church.

Pentecost celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, giving birth to the Church. The Spirit always gives. The Spirit not only gives but renews life as well. Like the disciples, we are continuously renewed by the Spirit for service in Jesus' name.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the Apostles are filled with the Holy Spirit and able to preach in different tongues *of the mighty acts of God*. In the second reading, Paul teaches that there are many parts and different gifts, yet one body and one Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus comes to the disciples who are hiding out in fear. He offers peace, breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, and sends them to forgive sins.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us present our petitions to the Lord as he sends his Spirit to intercede for us.

- 1) That the Holy Spirit may renew the face of his holy Church, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That the Gospel may be proclaimed to the entire world, through word and deed and by the example of the faithful, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That the Spirit may enkindle in all a fire for his love, to bring aid to the suffering and comfort to the afflicted, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That the Spirit may fill the hearts of his faithful gathered here today and guide us to lives of holiness and commitment, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That those who have died may know the joy of eternal life in God's kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Gracious Father, you have given us your Spirit that we may bring to you all that we need. Hear and answer the prayers we have offered, we ask, through Christ our Lord.

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