

# 63 PENTECOST SUNDAY

## YEAR A

### FIRST READING

Acts 2.1-11

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in other languages.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- 1 When the day of Pentecost had come,  
they were all together in one place.
- 2 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.
- 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them,  
and a tongue rested on each of them.
- 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in other languages,  
as the Spirit gave them ability.
- 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven  
living in Jerusalem.
- 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered,  
because all heard them speaking in their own languages.
- 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked,  
“Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?
- 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us,  
in our own language?
- 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia,  
Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
- 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia,  
Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene,  
and visitors from Rome, both Jews and converts,
- 11 Cretans and Arabs—  
in our own languages we hear them speaking  
about God’s deeds of power.”

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 104.1ab+24ac, 29b-30, 31+34 (R.30)

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

or: Alleluia! (Two or three times)

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
O Lord my God, you are very great.  
24 O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
the earth is full of your creatures. R.  
29 When you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.  
30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. R.  
31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works.  
34 May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the Lord. R.

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

3 No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.  
4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;  
5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;  
6 and there are varieties of activities,  
but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.  
7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.  
12 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.  
13 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.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

## SEQUENCE

1. Holy Spirit, Lord divine,  
Come, from heights of heav'n and shine,  
Come with blessed radiance bright!
2. Come, O Father of the poor,  
Come, whose treasured gifts ensure,  
Come, our heart's unfailing light!
3. Of consolers, wisest, best,  
And our soul's most welcome guest,  
Sweet refreshment, sweet repose.
4. In our labour rest most sweet,  
Pleasant coolness in the heat,  
Consolation in our woes.
5. Light most blessed, shine with grace  
In our heart's most secret place,  
Fill your faithful through and through.
6. Left without your presence here,  
Life itself would disappear,  
Nothing thrives apart from you!
7. Cleanse our soiled hearts of sin,  
Arid souls refresh within,  
Wounded lives to health restore.
8. Bend the stubborn heart and will,  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill,  
Guide the wayward home once more!
9. On the faithful who are true  
And profess their faith in you,  
In your sev'nfold gift descend!
10. Give us virtue's sure reward,  
Give us your salvation, Lord,  
Give us joys that never end!

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.  
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

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

## GOSPEL

**John 20.19-23**

**As the Father has sent me, so I send you.**

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

19 It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead,  
the first day of the week,  
and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked  
for fear of the authorities.

Jesus came and stood among them and said,  
“Peace be with you.”

20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.  
Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21 Jesus said to them again,  
“Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,  
“Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;  
if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The gospel of the Lord.

If it is customary or obligatory for the faithful to celebrate the eucharist on the Monday or even the Tuesday after Pentecost, the texts of Pentecost Sunday or the texts of Ritual Mass for Confirmation, nos. 764-768, may be used.