

62 VIGIL OF PENTECOST YEARS ABC

At the first Mass of Pentecost Sunday (the Saturday evening Mass), the readings from the Mass of the Pentecost Day, no. 63, are used.

The readings below are used on Saturday afternoon, before or after Evening Prayer I of Pentecost at those Masses which are not for the Lord's Day, or where a separate vigil is observed. Any one of the following readings from the Old Testament may be chosen. Where an extended vigil is observed, as suggested in the Circular Letter of the Congregation for Divine Worship, 16 January 1988, see page 336.++

FIRST READING

Genesis 11.1-9

It was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language
of all the earth.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

- 1 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words.
- 2 And as people migrated from the east,
they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.
- 3 And they said to one another,
“Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.”
And they had brick for stone,
and bitumen for mortar.
- 4 Then they said,
“Come, let us build ourselves a city,
and a tower with its top in the heavens,
and let us make a name for ourselves;
otherwise we shall be scattered abroad
upon the face of the whole earth.”
- 5 The Lord came down to see the city and the tower,
which mortals had built.
- 6 And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people,
and they have all one language;
and this is only the beginning of what they will do;
nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.
- 7 Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there,
so that they will not understand one another's speech.”
- 8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from there
over the face of all the earth,
and they left off building the city.

9 Therefore it was called Babel,
because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth;
and from there the Lord scattered them abroad
over the face of all the earth.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

or:

FIRST READING

Exodus 19.3-8a, 16-20

The Lord descended upon Mount Sinai, in the presence of all the people.

A reading from the book of Exodus.

3 Moses went up to God;
the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying,
“Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob,
and tell the Israelites:
4 You have seen what I did to the Egyptians,
and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.
5 Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant,
you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples.
Indeed, the whole earth is mine,
6 but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.
These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”
7 So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people,
and set before them all these words
that the Lord had commanded him.
8 The people all answered as one:
“Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”
16 On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning,
as well as a thick cloud on the mountain,
and a blast of a trumpet so loud
that all the people who were in the camp trembled.
17 Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God.
They took their stand at the foot of the mountain.
18 Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke,
because the Lord had descended upon it in fire;
the smoke went up like the smoke of a kiln,
while the whole mountain shook violently. ➤

31 The sun shall be turned to darkness,
and the moon to blood,
before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes.
32 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
shall be saved;
for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem
there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said,
and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 104.1-2a, 24+25c, 27-28, 29b-30 (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.
You are clothed with honour and majesty,
2 wrapped in light as with a garment. R.
24 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures,
25 living things both small and great. R.
27 These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
28 when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. 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.

SECOND READING

Romans 8.22-27

The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Beloved,
22 we know that the whole creation
has been groaning in labour pains until now;
23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves,

who have the first fruits of the Spirit,
groan inwardly while we wait for adoption,
the redemption of our bodies.

24 For in hope we were saved.

Now hope that is seen is not hope.
For who hopes for what is seen?

25 But if we hope for what we do not see,
we wait for it with patience.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

27 And God, who searches the heart,
knows what is the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit intercedes for the saints
according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

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 7.37-39

Out of Jesus' heart shall flow rivers of living water.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

37 On the last day of the festival, the great day,
while Jesus was standing in the temple, he cried out,

38 "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,
and let the one who believes in me drink.

As the scripture has said,
'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

39 Now he said this about the Spirit,
which believers in him were to receive;
for as yet there was no Spirit,
because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The gospel of the Lord.