

# THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 23, 2021

## The Collect

### *Traditional*

Almighty God, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of thy Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### *Contemporary*

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## The First Lesson

### *Acts 2:1-11*

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and 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 Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

## Psalm 104:25-32

<sup>25</sup> O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
<sup>26</sup> Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.  
<sup>27</sup> There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.  
<sup>28</sup> All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.  
<sup>29</sup> You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.  
<sup>30</sup> You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.  
<sup>31</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.  
<sup>32</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

## The Epistle

*1 Corinthians 12:4-13*

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one. 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 ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are inspired by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. 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 by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

## The Gospel

*John 20:19-23*

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."