

May 27, 2012
Pentecost Sunday (B)

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost
all the Lord's followers were together in one place.
Suddenly there was a noise from heaven
like the sound of a mighty wind!
It filled the house where they were meeting.
Then they saw what looked like fiery tongues
moving in all directions,
and a tongue came and settled on each person there.
The Holy Spirit took control of everyone,
and they began speaking
whatever languages the Spirit let them speak.

Many religious Jews from every country in the world
were living in Jerusalem.
And when they heard this noise, a crowd gathered.
But they were surprised,
because they were hearing everything
in their own languages.

They were excited and amazed, and said:
"Don't all these who are speaking come from Galilee?
Then why do we each hear them speaking
our very own languages?
Some of us are from Parthia, Media, and Elam.
Others are from Mesopotamia, Judea,
Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia,
Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt,
parts of Libya near Cyrene,
Rome, Cret and Arabia.
Some of us were born Jews,
and others of us have chosen to be Jews.
Yet we all hear them using our own languages
to tell the wonderful things God has done."

The word of the Lord.

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Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 104:1abc and
24, 30-31*

*All: Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.*

or

All: Alleluia.

*I praise you, LORD God,
with all my heart.
You are glorious and majestic.
Our LORD, by your wisdom
you made so many things;
the whole earth is covered
with your living creatures.*

*All: Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.*

or

All: Alleluia.

*You created all of them
by your Spirit,
and you give new life
to the earth.
Our LORD, we pray
that your glory will last for ever
and that you will be pleased
with what you have done.*

*All: Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.*

or

All: Alleluia.

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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-7,
12-13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts,
but they all come from the same Spirit.

There are different ways to serve the same Lord,
and we can each do different things.

Yet the same God works in all of us
and helps us in everything we do.

The Spirit has given each of us a special way
of serving others.

The body of Christ has many different parts,
just as any other body does.

Some of us are Jews,
and others are Gentiles.

Some of us are slaves,
and others are free.

But God's Spirit baptized each of us
and made us part of the body of Christ.

Now we each drink from that same Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders,
and on the evening of that same Sunday
they locked themselves in a room.
Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group.
He greeted them and showed them his hands and his side.
When the disciples saw the Lord,
they became very happy.

After Jesus had greeted them again, he said,
"I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me."
Then he breathed on them and said,
"Receive the Holy Spirit.
If you forgive anyone's sins,
they will be forgiven.
But if you don't forgive their sins,
they will not be forgiven."

The Gospel of the Lord.