

## PENTECOST



FIRST READING: *Acts 2:1-8, 11b*

*This is a reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

On the day of Pentecost,  
the believers were gathered together in one room.  
All of a sudden they heard a sound like a strong wind  
that seemed to fill the whole house.  
Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire  
coming and resting on each one of them.  
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit,  
and immediately they started to speak in other languages.

At that time, there were visitors in Jerusalem  
who had come from all over the world.

They were amazed  
because they heard the believers  
speaking in so many languages.  
They said,

“How are they able to speak like this?  
Aren’t all of these people from Galilee?  
Yet we can all hear them  
telling in our own languages  
about the great things God has done.”

*The Word of the Lord.*

RESPONSE: *Psalm 104*

Send us your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth!

*Verse:*

May your glory last forever. May you rejoice in all we do!

*(Repeat Response after the Verse.)*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“Peace be with you! Receive the Holy Spirit.” Alleluia!

*(After Gospel, repeat Acclamation.)*

GOSPEL: *John 20:19-23*

*This is a reading from the Gospel of John.*

On Sunday evening  
(the same day the women had been to the tomb of Jesus),  
the disciples were gathered in a room upstairs.  
They had locked the doors  
because they were afraid of the people  
who had crucified Jesus.  
Jesus came and stood in the room and said,

“Peace be with you!”

Then he showed them his hands and his side.  
The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord.  
Jesus said again,

“Peace be with you.  
As God has sent me to you,  
now I am sending you to others.”

Then he breathed on the disciples and said to them,

“Receive the Holy Spirit.  
If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven.  
If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*