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Solemnity of Pentecost

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Yearning for the Spirit of Unity and Holiness

We live in a world torn by conflicting interests, jealousy, aggressiveness, and so many forms of enslavement. All these are the consequences of SIN, from the first to the latest sin that has darkened the horizon of mankind. Left to ourselves, we would have been unable to overcome such destructive forces. That is why God sent the Holy Spirit, as the divine healing Power that can undo the tragedies of division, mistrust, and hatred brought about by human sinfulness.

Today we commemorate the giving of the Holy Spirit by the Risen Christ to the Apostles on Easter Day and his solemn descent on them on Pentecost Day, as they were gathered in the Upper Room. Let us open our hearts to Him so that we, too, may share in their wonderful experience. May the Holy Spirit hold all things together and mold us into a community characterized by mutual acceptance, appreciation, solidarity, and brotherly/sisterly love.



INTRODUCTORY RITES



Entrance Antiphon

(To be recited only when no Entrance Hymn is sung.)

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia!

(Rom 5:5; Cf. 8:11)

Greeting

P – In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!
All–Amen!

P –The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

All–And with your spirit!

Penitential Act

P –Brethren, let us acknowl-

edge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. *(Pause)*

All–I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, *(strike your breast)* through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P –May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
All–Amen!

P –Lord, have mercy!

All–Lord, have mercy!

P –Christ, have mercy!

All–Christ, have mercy!

P –Lord, have mercy!

All–Lord, have mercy!

Gloria

All–Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen!

Collect (Opening Prayer)

P –O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of all believers.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All–Amen!

LITURGY OF THE WORD



1st Reading *Acts 2:1-11*
The descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day fulfilled the promise made by Jesus before he ascended into heaven. From that moment on, mankind started becoming the new people of God, characterized by unity, harmony, solidarity, and brotherly/sisterly love.

R –A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, the disciples were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, “Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians,

Medes and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.”

The Word of the Lord!
All–Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 104*

R –*Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!*

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* Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord, my God, you are great indeed! How manifold are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your creatures. **R.**

* If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

* May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord be glad in his works! Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the Lord. **R.**

2nd Reading

1 Cor 12:3-7.12-13
The community of Corinth was plagued with divisions and rivalries. With fatherly concern, Paul exhorts them to be united in the Holy Spirit, the source of all gifts.

R –A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:
No one can say, “Jesus is

Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

As a body is one, though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord!
All–Thanks be to God!

SEQUENCE

Come, Holy Spirit, come,
And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor!
Come, source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms
shine!

You, of comforters the best;
You, the soul's most welcome
guest;
Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,
Shine within these hearts
of yours,
And our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have
naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength
renew;
On our dryness, pour your dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away.

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore
And confess you, evermore
In your sevenfold gift descend.

Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them your salvation, Lord;
Give them joys that never end.
Amen! Alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation

All—Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel *Jn 20:19-23*

St. John tells us that the Holy Spirit was the most precious and lasting gift that the Risen Christ gave to his disciples on the very day of his resurrection.

P —The Lord be with you!

All—And with your spirit!

P —A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All—Glory to you, O Lord!

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

The Gospel of the Lord!

All—Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Homily

Profession of Faith

(Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed)

All—I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were

made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (bow)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

Prayer of the Faithful

P —Aware that we need the Holy Spirit’s help to live up to the challenges of our Christian commitment, we pray:

All—Come, Holy Spirit, we need you!

C —That the whole Catholic Church may at all times, be an instrument of reconciliation and a promoter of unity among all peoples, let us pray! **R.**

C —That the Holy Father and the other leaders of the Church may provide the faithful with an unhindered inspiring leadership, let us pray! **R.**

C —That all our newly elected civil leaders in our country, may be guided solely by concern for the common good, let us pray! **R.**

C —That those among us who are burdened with trials of whatever kind may find in our community the support they need, let us pray! **R.**

C —That each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world, let us pray! **R.**

P —Spirit of life and holiness, guide our hearts into the way of love and service, that we may be valid instruments in the building of the Kingdom where You live and reign with the Father and the Lord Jesus, God, for ever and ever.

All—Amen!

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



Preparation of the Gifts

P —Pray, brethren . . .

All—May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

P —Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth.

Through Christ our Lord.

All—Amen!

Preface of Pentecost

P —The Lord be with you!

All—And with your spirit!

P —Lift up your hearts!

All—We lift them up to the Lord!

P —Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

All—It is right and just!

P —It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For, bringing your Paschal Mystery to completion, you bestowed the Holy Spirit today on those you made your adopted children by uniting them to your Only Begotten Son. This same Spirit, as the Church came to birth, opened to all peoples the knowledge of God and brought together the many languages of the earth in the profession of the one faith.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together

the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

All—Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Memorial Acclamation

P –The mystery of faith!

All—We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again!



All—Our Father ...

P –Deliver us, Lord ...

All—For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

All—Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (2×)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion

P –Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.

All—Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

(To be recited only when no Communion Hymn is sung.)

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia!

(Acts 2:4.11)

Prayer after Communion

P –O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.

All—Amen!



P –The Lord be with you.

All—And with your spirit!

P –Bow down for the blessing.
(Pause)

–May God, the Father of lights, who was pleased to enlighten the disciples' minds by the outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete, grant you gladness and make you always abound with the gifts of the same

Spirit.

All—Amen!

P –May the wondrous flame that appeared above the disciples powerfully cleanse your hearts from every evil and pervade them with its purifying light.

All—Amen!

P –May our loving Lord, who has been pleased to unite many tongues in the profession of one faith, give you perseverance in that same faith that you may journey from hope to clear vision.

All—Amen!

P –And may the blessing of almighty God: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All—Amen!

P –Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All—Thanks be to God!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holding All Things Together

Kalakbay at Katoto

We take our cue from the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass during the Day: *"The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. It holds all things together and knows every word spoken by man, alleluia"* (Wisdom 1:7). Holding all things together ... a beautiful thought, a heartwarming concept, an energizing pledge and promise for a world *"waiting with eager longing for the revelation of the children of God"* (Romans 8:19) ... a world ripped and torn apart by so many conflicting allegiances and loyalties on all imaginable fronts, be they political, economic, social, ecclesial, religious and spiritual.

The Solemnity of Pentecost, the memorial celebration of diversity, of pluralism, of a mosaic-like reality of a human family originally intended by God, the Creator, to be a rich quilt-like tapestry of freedom and individuality, on the one hand, yet balanced by social solidarity, unity, and brotherly and sisterly love, on the other, touches the very core of society's current day pressing need everywhere ...



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The world of politics is mired in rough and rackety plurality instead of healthy pluralism. All issues are now subjected to the paralyzing scrutiny of contending and conflicting parties. Even moral issues, which ought to remain precisely that – moral issues – have all been hijacked by partisan politics and used endlessly as stepping stones for more political mileage. The capacity for objective moral reflection has become all but impossible, in a society that has reduced the discussion on morality to a simple discussion on whether one belongs to the political right or the political left, where an individual Bishop's pronouncement is readily pounced upon and immediately denounced as meddling with politics. In the religious scene, the mystical Body of Christ seems farther than ever from the Risen Lord's dream and fervent prayer: *"That they may be one, Father, as you and I are one."* Today, that vision and prayer of one who gave all of himself and all that was in his power to give and do during his earthly life is a reality for the whole world and the whole church to celebrate and extol. Today, Solemnity of Pentecost, the whole believing world is invited to "see and believe." Today, too, all of us followers of him who offered his life that we might all be one, are invited to feel the gentle whispers of the indwelling presence of the Triune God, made real and complete by the sending of the Advocate, *"who will teach [us] everything and remind [us] of all that [Jesus] told [us]."*

The Pentecost is God's way of telling us today as Jesus, His Son, told his disciples: *"Be not afraid. It is I."* The Pentecost is God telling a people caught up in so much moral and social confusion, in a world battered and tattered by

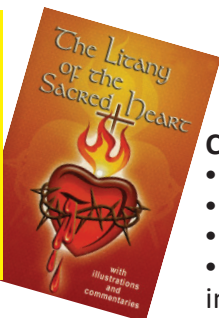
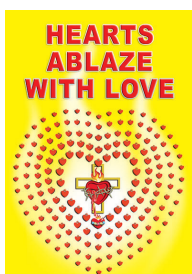
complicated and unhealthy plurality and conflictuality: *"Peace be with you."* The Pentecost is God's way of healing a possibly broken people, killed in spirit by so much terrorism and murderous wars, wounded all over by so much inhumanity and cruelty of people to one another: *"Look at my hands; look at my side; touch my wounds and be healed."* The Pentecost is God's way of encouraging a possibly discouraged body of believers, despondent over the reality of so much divisiveness and bitter enmity between political candidates, political parties, and between civilizations separated by religious beliefs and creedal persuasions: *"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always."*

But no! Today's solemnity holds me in check, and lifts me up from this despondency. The heart may have its reasons to feel this way, but Christian faith has its powerful convictions that cannot be defeated by such *"grief's gasping, joyless days, [and] dejection"* (Hopkins). Today's celebration is much too powerful to be ignored; much too clear to be glossed over.

The celebration of the reality and fulfillment of the indwelling presence of the Advocate, the Spirit, in the Church and in the world and in every one of us believers, ought to be the grounding of this courageous thrust towards a future that Christ has assured us of so glowingly: *"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."*

The Spirit fills them and the whole world. The Spirit holds them close and, indeed, "holds all things together." ALLELUIA!

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