

COLLECT

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy
Spirit:

grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our
Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

*The reading from Acts must be used as
either the first or second reading.*

Either **Acts 2:1-21**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their native language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, 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 Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Or **Genesis 11:1-9**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. 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. 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." The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. 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. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. 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.

PSALM Psalm 104:25-35. 37

R Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures. **R**

Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.
There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it. **R**

All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it to them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled with
good things.
You hide your face and they are terrified;
you take away their breath
and they die and return to their dust. **R**

You send forth your Spirit and they are
created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke. **R**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.
May these words of mine please him;
I will rejoice in the Lord.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
Alleluia! **R**

SECOND READING

Either **Romans 8:14-17**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Romans.*

All who are led by the Spirit of God are
children of God. For you did not receive a
spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you
have received a spirit of adoption. When
we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit
bearing witness with our spirit that we are
children of God, and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if,
in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also
be glorified with him.

Or **Acts 2:1-21**

GOSPEL John 14:8-17 [25-27]

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.*

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the
Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus
said to him, "Have I been with you all this
time, Philip, and you still do not know me?
Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.
How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do
you not believe that I am in the Father and
the Father is in me? The words that I say
to you I do not speak on my own; but the
Father who dwells in me does his works.
Believe me that I am in the Father and the
Father is in me; but if you do not, then
believe me because of the works themselves.
Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes
in me will also do the works that I do and,
in fact, will do greater works than these,
because I am going to the Father. I will
do whatever you ask in my name, so that
the Father may be glorified in the Son.
If in my name you ask me for anything, I
will do it. If you love me, you will keep my
commandments. And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate, to be
with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth,
whom the world cannot receive, because it
neither sees him nor knows him. You know
him, because he abides with you, and he will
be in you. [I have said these things to you
while I am still with you. But the Advocate,
the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send
in my name, will teach you everything, and
remind you of all that I have said to you.
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to
you. I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do
not let them be afraid.]"

POST COMMUNION

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.