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Pentecost

Family Prayer Service

Presider: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

Let us acknowledge the times which we have not been faithful to God.

Penitential Rite A

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,
(striking your breast, say:)
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
(Then continue with:)
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.

Opening Prayer:

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

All: Amen

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Acts 2:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they 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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

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

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

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

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians:

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

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

Sequence:

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Presider: 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

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John:

John 20:19-23

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

Reflection/Family Discussion on the readings and Gospel:

by Deacon Paul Pesqueira

Pentecost

Last week the Roman Catholic Church celebrated the Ascension of the Lord. This week the Church celebrates Pentecost. Ten days after Jesus ascends to heaven, the Holy Spirit descends upon the people of God. The Spirit that we call holy reveals himself to different people, from different countries, and speaking different languages. The Spirit appears to be like tongues of fire. The people are forever changed, and this celebration is referred to as the birth of the church.

Pentecost means fifty, and fifty days have passed since the celebration of Easter. We have not physically been in church for over fifty days. We have lived through the stay at home order for the Easter season. Now, I have stopped counting how many days since... This Pentecost is very meaningful for me. Currently, there has been an ongoing change in my life. The questions of "How am I going to work from home?" "Will I have enough work?" "What is Zoom?" "Am I going to get on my wife's nerves?" "(YES!)" "Am I going to have a job after a month?" So many questions, but where are the answers?

Come Holy Spirit, Come Holy Spirit, Come Holy Spirit. As I moved through every day, I sought out the Holy Spirit. He does not disappoint. I cleaned off my old desk, and I am typing on it right now. Work is fine, and I have stayed very busy. I am okay with Zoom, and I still have a job. I am as calm as I can be under the circumstances, and Los Angeles is opening up. I need to remain calm. We need to remain calm during another transition.

The Archdiocese has issued guidelines of how to return to Mass and the Sacraments. We are to experience a rebirth of our Beloved Church. Like any birth, there will be pain. How are we to manage the new guidelines? Come Holy Spirit. Things will be different just like the Parthians, Medes, and Elamites. Pentecost changed the Ancient world. And so, our world is changing. I have slowed down and recognized that God is in control. I always knew that, but busyness can sometimes change your perspective. The gift that has been given to me is that I can adapt. I do not like change. I like things to remain the way they are. But, I can adapt, and the old dog is learning a new trick (like Zoom!).

We have celebrated Easter, graduations, birthdays, deaths, joys and pains at a distance. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit that can and does connect this world. Come Holy Spirit. In a week we may be back in the church. I hope and pray by July we are not telling ourselves, "I'm so busy" and "I cannot make it to Mass" or "I'm too busy to pray." We have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit, and remember he has gifts for you, and He does not disappoint. I pray that I can renew the face of my heart with the simple statement: *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*. Can you?

Nicene 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.

(raise from bow)

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

Presider: We bring our prayers to God, whose love for us has no end.

Intercessions:

1. That our bishops, priests, deacons and campus ministers may boldly proclaim the joy and hope of the Resurrection: *(Pause for silent prayer)*.
All: Lord, hear us.
2. That the Spirit of God may inspire us to joyfully use our gifts and talents for the common good of the one Body of Christ: *(Pause for silent prayer)*.
All: Lord, hear us.
3. That all peoples of the earth may hear the good news of the “marvels God has accomplished.”: *(Pause for silent prayer)*.
All: Lord, hear us.
4. For the essential workers and first responders that they are strengthened and protected by Jesus the Risen One: *(Pause for silent prayer)*.
All: Lord, hear us.
5. That those alienated from loved ones, who are bitter, afraid, and without hope, may rediscover God’s breath within them: *(Pause for silent prayer)*.
All: Lord, hear us.
6. That our deceased relatives and friends may rest forever in the eternal peace of Christ: *(Pause for silent prayer)*.
All: Lord, hear us.

Presider: We humbly bring our intercessions to you O Lord, trusting in You to answer them on your time not on our time.

Our Father:

Presider: At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen

Sign of Peace:

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Presider:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All:

And with your spirit.

Presider:

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

(At this time please offer a moment of silence before the Spiritual Communion is said.)

Spiritual Communion:

All: I wish my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervor of the saints

Closing Prayer:

Presider: 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