

# DAY OF PENTECOST

20<sup>th</sup> May 2018

## First Reading

*Acts 2.1-21*

### **The Acts of The Apostles**

**2** When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>'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. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm: 104.24-34**

- 24 O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all:  
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there:  
living things both small and great.
- 26 There go the ships:  
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
- 27 These all look to you:  
to give them their food in due season;
- 28 when you give to them, they gather it up:  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
- 29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed:  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
- 30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created:  
and you renew the face of the ground.
- 31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever:  
may the Lord rejoice in his works—
- 32 who looks on the earth and it trembles:  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
- 34 May my meditation be pleasing to him:  
for I rejoice in the Lord.

**Praise the Lord!**

## **Second Reading**

***Romans 8.22-27***

### **The Letter of Paul The Apostle To The Romans**

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel**

***John 15.26-27***

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>26</sup> “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup> You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Sentence**

‘A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you,’ says the Lord God; ‘I will put my spirit within you and you shall live.’

Ezekiel 36.26; 37.14

## **Prayer of the day**

Almighty God,  
you sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit

