

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 the native language
of each. 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 Numbers 11:24-30

PSALM Psalm 104:26-36. 37b (or 104:26-end)

R *I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.*

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
There is the sea, spread far and wide,
and there move creatures beyond
number, both small and great. **R**

There go the ships, and there is that
Leviathan
which you have made to play in the deep.
All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season. **R**

When you give it them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled
with good.
When you hide your face they are
troubled;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to the 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 for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works;
He looks on the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they
smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will make music to my God while I have
my being. **R**

So shall my song please him
while I rejoice in the Lord.
Let sinners be consumed out of the earth
and the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Alleluia. **R**

SECOND READING

Either 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to
the Corinthians.*

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by
the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties
of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there

are varieties of services, but the same
Lord; and there are varieties of activities,
but it is the same God who activates all
of them in everyone. To each is given
the manifestation of the Spirit for the
common good. To one is given through
the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and
to another the utterance of knowledge
according to the same Spirit, to another
faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of
healing by the one Spirit, to another the
working of miracles, to another prophecy,
to another the discernment of spirits,
to another various kinds of tongues, to
another the interpretation of tongues. All
these are activated by one and the same
Spirit, who allots to each one individually
just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the
body is one and has many members, and
all the members of the body, though
many, are one body, so it is with Christ.
For in the one Spirit we were all baptized
into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or
free — and we were all made to drink of
one Spirit.

Or Acts 2:1-21

GOSPEL

Either John 20:19-23

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

It was evening on the first day of the
week, and the doors of the house where
the disciples had met were locked for
fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood
among them and said, "Peace be with
you." After he said this, he showed them
his hands and his side. Then 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."
When he had said this, he breathed on
them and said to them, "Receive the Holy
Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they
are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of
any, they are retained."

Or John 7:37-39

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.

