



focus on sunday

PENTECOST SUNDAY 19th May 2024

was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the
dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters,
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

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.

AGNUS DEI

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.....

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon
our 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
ever abundance of eternal redemption.
through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*
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. Amen

in peace Thanks be to God

The Fifty Days of Easter conclude with the celebration of Pentecost. Today we welcome the Holy Spirit to come into our lives afresh bringing gifts of hope, joy and forgiveness.



*"...when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth..."*



The Holy Spirit is, for many of us, the most marginalised of the three persons of the Trinity! Unlike the Father and Son, the Holy Spirit is usually out of sight and out of mind. Even in the Gloria and the Creed which we say at Mass, the Father and Son both get a whole paragraph to themselves, but the poor Holy Spirit barely gets a mention at the end! But the Holy Spirit is actually the key person in our lives. God is love, three persons bound in love to each other, who have shared that love with us in the expectation that we would share it, in turn, with one another. It is the Holy Spirit, sent by Jesus after his return to the Father, who is always present to us, inspiring us to love each other, to care, to share, and thereby build the Kingdom of God on earth. The Holy Spirit also challenges our consciences when we fail to reach out in love, when we ignore the distress of others because it is inconvenient for us. The Holy Spirit is like the gentle breeze warming our face when we do good, or the howling wind making us feel uncomfortable when we fail. In the doctors and aid workers in Gaza, in parents caring for their children, in people working for those with disabilities, wherever there is love, there the Holy Spirit is present and at work in our world.

Fr. Peter McVerry, SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



The Spirit of God, like water, is hidden in the hearts of all people, and in the breath of life. We know that the Spirit is in our hearts, because we are always longing. We say I wish I was bigger. I wish for new clothes, to go on holidays, have good friends, to have nice food and drink. We have tastes of happiness now. We have full happiness with God. We ask the Spirit in our hearts to help us understand...

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

GREETING

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. May almighty GodAmen.

THE GLORIA

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.

OPENING PRAYER

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.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2: 1 - 11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bouldered to hear

are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 103:1. 24-31. 34

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

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R)
2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. (R)

SECOND READING Galatians 5: 16 - 25

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy 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.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend;
Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL John 15: 26 - 27; 16: 12 - 15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset.

I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine: that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

