

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 read 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 **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

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 8:22-27**

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

We know that the whole creation has been
groaning in labour pains until now; 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. For in hope we
were saved. Now hope that is seen is not
hope. For who hopes for what is seen?
But if we hope for what we do not see, we
wait for it with patience. 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. 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.

Or **Acts 2:1-21**

GOSPEL John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples: "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. You also are to testify because you
have been with me from the beginning. I
have said these things to you so that when
their hour comes you may remember that
I told you about them. I did not say these
things to you from the beginning, because
I was with you. But now I am going to
him who sent me; yet none of you asks
me, 'Where are you going?' But because I
have said these things to you, sorrow has
filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you
the truth: it is to your advantage that I go
away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate
will not come to you; but if I go, I will
send him to you. And when he comes, he
will prove the world wrong about sin and
righteousness and judgement: about sin,
because they do not believe in me; about
righteousness, because I am going to the
Father and you will see me no longer;
about judgement, because the ruler of
this world has been condemned. I still
have many things to say to you, but you
cannot bear them now. When the Spirit
of truth comes, he will guide you into all
the truth; for he will not speak on his own,
but will speak whatever he hears, and he
will declare to you the things that are to
come. He will glorify me, because he will
take what is mine and declare it to you. All
that the Father has is mine. For this reason
I said that he will take what is mine and
declare it to you."

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.