## Sunday, June 9, 2019Day of Pentecost, Year C

### Introduction

Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. The baptized have become “children of God” and “joint heirs with Christ.” By the power of the Spirit we have seen the face of the Father in his only begotten Son and been saved by him. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

### Prayer of the Day

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Readings and Psalm

[**Acts 2:1-21**](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2019-6-9/0)

Filled with the Spirit to tell God’s deeds

[**Genesis 11:1-9**](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2019-6-9/0) (alternate)

God destroys the tower of Babel

[**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2019-6-9/0)

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

[**Romans 8:14-17**](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2019-6-9/0)

The Spirit makes us children of God

[**John 14:8-17 [25-27]**](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2019-6-9/0)

The Father will give you another Advocate, the Spirit of truth

### First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, surrounded by signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages in their midst, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus’ promise coming true.

1When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
  5Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” 12All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”
  14But 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. 15Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. 16No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
 17‘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.
 18Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
  in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
   and they shall prophesy.
 19And I will show portents in the heaven above
  and signs on the earth below,
   blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
 20The sun shall be turned to darkness
  and the moon to blood,
   before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
 21Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

### First Reading (alternate): Genesis 11:1-9

The builders of the tower of Babel try to make a name for themselves by building their tower to the heavens. God scatters them, confusing their language so that they cannot understand one another. The miracle at Pentecost reverses this story, drawing many different peoples together into the new people of God.

1Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. 2And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. 3And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. 4Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” 5The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. 6And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. 7Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” 8So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. 9Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

### Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

*Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.*(Ps. 104:30)

 24How manifold are your | works, O Lord!
  In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.
 25**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,**
  **living things both | small and great.**
 26There go the ships | to and fro,
  and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.
 27**All of them | look to you**
  **to give them their food | in due season. R**
 28You give it to them; they | gather it;
  you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.
 29**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;**
  **when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**
 30You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
  and so you renew the face | of the earth.
 31**May the glory of the Lord en- | dure forever;**
  **O Lord, rejoice in | all your works. R**
 32You look at the earth | and it trembles;
  you touch the mountains | and they smoke.
 33**I will sing to the Lord as long | as I live;**
  **I will praise my God while I | have my being.**
 34May these words of | mine please God.
  I will rejoice | in the Lord.
 35b**Bless the Lord, | O my soul.**
  **Hal- | lelujah! R**

### Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ’s body, the church. And we receive new names in our adoption: brother, sister, child of God.

14For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

### Gospel: John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus’ nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God’s mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

8Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” 9Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.
  15“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. [
  25“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”]

### Prayers of Intercession

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

Trusting God’s promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Come, Holy Spirit. Enliven the church to speak your words of forgiveness and salvation in every language and tongue. Pour out your Spirit on witnesses of every age, gender, and nationality. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Come, Holy Spirit. Send cooling breezes where people and creatures are suffering oppressive heat. Save the land from drought and wildfires. Bless the work of those who make it possible to harness the power of the sun and the wind. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Come, Holy Spirit. Dispel human arrogance and establish leaders who are humble of heart. Speak peace into all the world (especially). Overcome prejudice and fear. Move us to support international aid organizations and those who provide aid to immigrants and refugees. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Come, Holy Spirit. You hear us when we cry to you. Bring clarity and hope to those living with dementia, anxiety, depression, or addiction. Accompany those who feel weak and worn (especially). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Come, Holy Spirit. Reveal your love through families of all shapes and sizes. Bring joy to coparents, single parents, and those without children. Bless extended families, foster families, adoptive families, and families of friends. Bring closure and healing to broken relationships. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Come, Holy Spirit. You make us children of God and joint heirs with Christ. We praise you for (Columba, Aidan, Bede, and) all the saints who called on your name and who now know the fullness of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**