



OPENING PRAYER

+In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen

Father God, thank you for this time with you. May the Holy Spirit be upon me, that I may receive wisdom from your Word, be open to Your holy Will and give glory to You always. Through Christ our Lord, Amen
Our Father + Hail Mary + Glory Be

LECTIO DIVINA

Invite the Holy Spirit - Read - Reflect - Respond in Prayer - Rest in Silence

Gospel: John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. 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." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

The Gospel describes how the resurrected Lord returns to the disciples. Just as Jesus was sent by the Father, now He sends His disciples out for ministry. What two gifts does He give them? Why do the disciples rejoice in seeing the Lord? What is the significance of Jesus breathing on them?

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

Pentecost is known appropriately as the birthday of the Church. Jesus assured that He would send His Spirit as a gift to us to initiate the next phase of salvation history. What phenomena was experienced to indicate the Holy Spirit came? How was this manifested among the people initially? What mighty acts of God if any, have you experienced in your own life that can be attributed to the Holy Spirit?

Notes

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Reading II: 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and sisters:

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;

there are different forms of service but the same Lord;

there are different workings but the same God

who produces all of them in everyone.

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit

is given for some benefit. As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body,

though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,

whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

St. Paul often identified the Holy spirit as the principle of unity in the face of diversity and division. What does the Spirit make possible? What spiritual gifts, forms or service or workings in your own life have been the result of following the Holy spirit? Is there a connection with the Holy Spirit in your own life on a daily basis?

Feast days this week

SUNDAY 19 PENTECOST SUNDAY

MONDAY 20 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH, MEMORIAL

TUESDAY 21 WEEKDAY

WEDNESDAY 22 SAINT RITA OF CASCIA

THURSDAY 23 WEEKDAY

FRIDAY 24 WEEKDAY

SATURDAY 25 WEEKDAY

reflect

What does the Holy Spirit allow me to do?

pray

Father God, may I be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen

live

Know that my service, works and gifts are all for the Lord.