

Liturgy Alive of Pentecost Sunday

Greeting (See Second Reading)

In the one Spirit we were all baptized,
and one Spirit was given
to us all to drink.
May the Holy Spirit be given to you
and be always with you.

Introduction by the Celebrant (Two Options)

A. The Breath Of Fire

Who does not dream of a day to come when he or she will no longer be afraid to do the things so long postponed because the courage to do them was lacking? Who is not hoping for more enthusiasm to do the everyday tasks with joy, to take the risk of deeply loving God and people without conditions and without hesitation? Who does not wish to be much more inspired and dynamic and creative in life? Today is the day on which this can begin to happen, for today is Pentecost, the day of the Spirit, the day the stormwind renews our love, the day of the fire that brings us joy and freedom, the day of the Holy Spirit. May Jesus breathe his Spirit on us and make our hearts aflame with his light and life.

(or)

B. Like A Storm

We are familiar with storms, cyclones, typhoons that shake houses and uproot trees. Today we celebrate another wind, at times like a tempest, but not destructive, other times like a gentle, refreshing breeze. It is the Spirit, the breath of God, the Holy Spirit that blows. Where does this come from? Where does he go and where does he lead us? It is the mighty Spirit of God, a storm of love and courage, a creative, renewing, “inspiring” Spirit who wants to make a new Pentecost with us. Let God's Holy Spirit bring fresh air to our hearts, refresh our faith, and increase our love in this Eucharist.

Penitential Act

We have not used the marvelous gifts
which the Holy Spirit keeps offering us.
Let us ask God to forgive us
and to open us to the gifts of the Spirit.

(PAUSE)

Lord Jesus, breathe on us the Spirit
who can make us understand one another
and help us to appreciate and support one another:

Lord, have mercy. R/ Lord, have mercy.

Jesus Christ, breathe on us the Spirit

who can unite us in one love

and make that love creative and inventive:

Christ, have mercy. R/ Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, breathe on us your Spirit
to liberate us from all paralyzing fears
and to make us serve God and people with joy:
Lord, have mercy. R/ Lord, have mercy.
In your great kindness, Lord,
forgive us all our sins,
open us to the Spirit of life and love
and lead us to everlasting life. R/ Amen.

Opening Prayer

Let us pray to the Father
to send us the Holy Spirit
as he gave him to the young Church
(PAUSE)
God our Father,
let the Holy Spirit surprise us
with fire and vigor,
and make us young and new again
as he did for the young Church.
Let your Spirit renew our days,
our loves and our lives,
bring us tenderness and joy
as well as openness to one another
and the courage to stand up
for all that is right and just.
Let him unite us and lead us to you.
All this we ask you through Christ Jesus our Lord. R/ Amen.

First Reading Introduction: The Spirit Comes As A Mighty Storm

Loud noise, a mighty storm, fire, languages—these symbols used to describe the first Christian Pentecost tell us forcefully that something totally new is happening. God's Spirit of power is breaking through to bring divided humanity together in a community where there is room for all.

Second Reading Introduction: We Are One In The Spirit

Whatever good there is in us, whatever gifts God has given us, everything comes from the Spirit working in us. Beyond our different talents and tasks, the Spirit unites us in the body of Christ as one community of faith, hope, and love.

Gospel Introduction: Receive The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit completes the work of Jesus in us, and through us in the world. Like the apostles, we are told to leave our enclosures and to bring healing and peace to the world.

General Intercessions

Let us pray to God to pour out on us and on the whole world the Spirit of courage and unity. Let us

say: R/ Let your Spirit renew the face of the earth.

- On the churches spread all over the earth, on the communities with a thousand faces, on Christians scattered over the whole wide world, pour out your Spirit: R/ Let your Spirit renew the face of the earth.
 - On the Pope and the leaders of the Churches, on bishops and on pastors, on all who have a ministry of service, pour out your Spirit: R/ Let your Spirit renew the face of the earth.
 - On Christians persecuted for their faith, on those who doubt or waver, on all who seek God and wait for the Spirit, pour out your Spirit: R/ Let your Spirit renew the face of the earth.
 - On those who oppress their brothers and sisters, on those in positions of power, on those who are enslaved and on those who are free, pour out your Spirit: R/ Let your Spirit renew the face of the earth.
 - On those who spread the Gospel, on those whose task it is to forgive sins, on those bound in the shackles of their faults, pour out your Spirit: R/ Let your Spirit renew the face of the earth.
 - On those who are gathered here in your name, on those who have left our communities, on those newly baptized these days, pour out your Spirit: R/ Let your Spirit renew the face of the earth.
- For all these we pray you, Lord our God. Send your Spirit on each of us; let him put us afire with his love today and all our days, for ever. R/ Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
let your Spirit come down
on this bread and wine
and fill it with the life of Jesus, your Son.
Let your Spirit come down on us
who sit at the table of Jesus,
and fill us with the life and joy of your Son.
Let him make us truly the Body of Christ,
in which it becomes visible
that we are the heart and the hands
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. R/ Amen.

Introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer

With the Holy Spirit in our hearts, let us with joy and gratitude join in the thanksgiving of Jesus our Lord.

Introduction to the Lord's Prayer

We cannot say "Jesus is Lord"
except through the Spirit.
We cannot say "Father" to God,
except through the Spirit crying out in us.
With the Holy Spirit, we can now say with complete trust
the prayer given us by Jesus.

Deliver Us

Deliver us Lord, from every evil
and grant in our day the peace of Christ,
which is the work of your Spirit.
In your mercy keep us free from all the sins
which obstruct the unity
and the universality of your Church.
Protect us from all anxiety and reassure us
that even in the uncertainties of our time
the Spirit leads us forward in joyful hope
toward the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Invitation to Communion

The Spirit and the Church says: come.
Let everyone who listen answer: come.
Let all who are thirsty: come.
All who want it
may have the water of life
and have it free.
This is the risen Christ
whose spirit moves us forward
to bear witness to God's love.

Prayer after Communion

God our Father,
we have heard your Son speak his Word to us
and we have eaten from his table
the bread of life.
Let your Spirit put fire in these words,
that they may keep burning in us
and shaking us up from our indifference.
And may the Spirit prompt and urge us
to become tasty bread to one another,
who restore and build up our brothers and sisters
on the way to you, our living God.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. R/ Amen.

Blessing

In this Eucharist
God has poured out on us again
the fire and the stormwind of the Spirit.
May the Spirit move us

to take the risk of committing ourselves fully
to God and to people.

May he give us the courage to change
ourselves and the Church we love,
that we may be living signs to all the world
of God's goodness and presence.

May Almighty God bless you:
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. R/ Amen.

Go and let the Holy Spirit
keep your hearts afire with God's love. R/ Thanks be to God.