

Readings at the Vigil Mass on Pentecost Sunday (Year A)

FIRST READING

JOEL 2.28-32

A reading from the Prophet, Joel

Thus says the Lord: 'I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh: your sons and your daughters shall prophesy; your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants, in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 104(103). 1-2A, 24, 35C, 27-28, 29B-30; R. CF. V. 30

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord my God, how great you are:
clothed in majesty and honour,
wrapped in light as with a robe! **R.**

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your creatures.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. **R.**

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up;
you open wide your hand, they are well-filled. **R.**

You take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8.22-27

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans
Brothers and sisters: We know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves - who have the first-fruits of the Spirit - groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 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 what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. **R.**

GOSPEL

JOHN 7.37-39

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, "Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."'

Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive; for, as yet, the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!**

The numbers of this evening's Entrance and Offertory hymns are displayed on the boards on the pillars