

## **Pentecost Sunday 5-31-20**

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

**Alleluia.**

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom  
have you made them all;

**the earth is full of your creatures.**

These all look to you,

**to give them their food in due season.**

When you give it to them, they gather it up;

**when you open your hand, they are filled with  
good things.**

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,  
**and you renew the face of the ground.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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## **Collect**

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of  
Your faithful people by sending them the light of  
Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same  
Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and  
evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through  
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever.

**[Genesis 11:1-9]** At one time the whole world  
spoke a single language and used the same words.

<sup>2</sup> As the people migrated eastward, they found a

plain in the land of Babylonia<sup>1</sup> and settled there. <sup>3</sup>  
They began to talk about construction projects.  
"Come," they said, "let's make great piles of burnt  
brick and collect natural asphalt to use as mortar. <sup>4</sup>  
Let's build a great city with a tower that reaches to  
the skies -- a monument to our greatness! This will  
bring us together and keep us from scattering all  
over the world." <sup>5</sup> But the LORD came down to see  
the city and the tower the people were building. <sup>6</sup>  
"Look!" he said. "If they can accomplish this when  
they have just begun to take advantage of their  
common language and political unity, just think of  
what they will do later. Nothing will be impossible for  
them!  
<sup>7</sup> Come, let's go down and give them different  
languages. Then they won't be able to understand  
each other." <sup>8</sup> In that way, the LORD scattered  
them all over the earth; and that ended the building  
of the city. <sup>9</sup> That is why the city was called Babel,  
because it was there that the LORD confused the  
people by giving them many languages, thus  
scattering them across the earth.

**[Acts 2:1-21]** On the day of Pentecost, seven  
weeks after Jesus' resurrection,<sup>1</sup> the believers were  
meeting together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly, there  
was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a  
mighty windstorm in the skies above them, and it  
filled the house where they were meeting. <sup>3</sup> Then,  
what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared  
and settled on each of them. <sup>4</sup> And everyone  
present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began  
speaking in other languages,<sup>1</sup> as the Holy Spirit

gave them this ability. <sup>5</sup> Godly Jews from many nations were living in Jerusalem at that time. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, they came running to see what it was all about, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. <sup>7</sup> They were beside themselves with wonder. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee, <sup>8</sup> and yet we hear them speaking the languages of the lands where we were born! <sup>9</sup> Here we are -- Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya toward Cyrene, visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), <sup>11</sup> Cretans, and Arabians. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!" <sup>12</sup> They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other. <sup>13</sup> But others in the crowd were mocking. "They're drunk, that's all!" they said. <sup>14</sup> Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. <sup>15</sup> Some of you are saying these people are drunk. It isn't true! It's much too early for that. People don't get drunk by nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, what you see this morning was predicted centuries ago by the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> 'In the last days, God said, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> In those days I

will pour out my Spirit upon all my servants, men and women alike, and they will prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below -- blood and fire and clouds of smoke. <sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon will turn bloodred, before that great and glorious day of the Lord arrives. <sup>21</sup> And anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

**[John 14:23-29]** Jesus replied, "All those who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and live with them. <sup>24</sup> Anyone who doesn't love me will not do what I say. And remember, my words are not my own. This message is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup> I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But when the Father sends the Counselor as my representative -- and by the Counselor I mean the Holy Spirit -- he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I myself have told you. <sup>27</sup> "I am leaving you with a gift -- peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give isn't like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid. <sup>28</sup> Remember what I told you: I am going away, but I will come back to you again. If you really love me, you will be very happy for me, because now I can go to the Father, who is greater than I am. <sup>29</sup> I have told you these things before they happen so that you will believe when they do happen.