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PENTECOST SUNDAY

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“Happy Birthday” to the Christian Church!



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

We say these words or sing a hymn as the priest approaches the altar.

COLLECT

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers...

We ask for God's help. Listen now to the priest as he offers this prayer.



FIRST READING ACTS 2:1-11

The apostles are together in one room, waiting. Suddenly, what sounds like a powerful wind fills the whole house and something that looks like tongues of fire comes to rest on their heads. They are filled with the Holy Spirit and each apostle

starts to speak in a foreign language, as the Holy Spirit gives them the gift of speech. The people in the streets are amazed. People from all over the world are hearing about God's marvels in their own language!

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. The Holy Spirit changes the apostles forever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 103

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

Or Alleluia!

The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.



SECOND READING ROMANS 8:8-17

The Holy Spirit lives in each one of us. The gifts of the Holy Spirit will help us to live as Jesus asks. Jesus wants us to be kind and loving, being brave enough to stand up for what is right. Jesus knows

that when we do this, we will be truly happy and alive. No matter what happens, children of God know that God will always be with us. We are so happy to be able to call God “our Father”!

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. The Holy Spirit has made a home in each one of us, so we are God's children.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.



DO YOU KNOW?

Today is the feast of **Pentecost**. Christians celebrate Pentecost as the day the **Holy Spirit** came to the apostles. They were filled with **joy** and a **new confidence** and began to **share the Good News** properly for the first time. We sometimes refer to Pentecost as the **birthday of the Church**.



THINK

When we **speak another language**, we understand people from other countries in ways we couldn't do before. At **Pentecost** the apostles spoke in foreign languages and were able to really **communicate** with people from all over the world. We can all **gain so much** from learning languages and getting to know other people!



The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St John.

Jesus gives his disciples an important message. Jesus wants his friends to know that he is going to make sure they are looked after when he has to leave them. He promises that he will send the Holy Spirit to be with them always. If we love

Jesus we will live as he asks, but we don't have to work hard to do this on our own: the Holy Spirit will help each one of us. The Holy Spirit reminds all of Jesus' friends what he has told us and gives us the strength to put Jesus' teachings into practice.

STAND to LISTEN

to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel.

Before he reads the Gospel, what does the priest or deacon do to his forehead, his lips and his heart? Can you copy him?



PRAY

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful And kindle in them the fire of your love."



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for everyone who is preparing for confirmation. Give them open hearts and let them know the power of your love. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. This is a prayer you could say privately.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about any time this week when you found it hard to do the right thing and then think about a time when you did something kind and loving.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.

What can you give special thanks for today?



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for being with me in times of pain as well as when everything is going well. Thank you for loving me so much that you never leave me. Amen.



IXΘΥΣ

is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God's)
- Υ (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)



We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.



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