

READINGS

Numbers 11:24-30

Psalm 104:25-35, 37b

Acts 2:1-21

John 20:19-23

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Send down upon your people, O God,
the enlivening flame of your Holy Spirit.

Lend fire to our words
and strength to our witness.

Send us forth to proclaim with boldness
your wondrous work of raising Christ to your right hand;
for we ask it in his name,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God, giver of life,
receive all we offer you this day.

Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church
continue to shine in the world
through the hearts of all who believe.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God of fire and breath,
may we who have been blessed
by word and sacrament
live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,
shining as light in the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:24-30

A Reading from the Book of Numbers.

Moses went out and told the people what God had said. He gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then God came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was in Moses, God bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest upon them, they were seized with prophetic utterance, and did not stop.

Two men, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, were not in the gathering, having remained in the camp; but the spirit came to rest on them as well. They were among those registered, but had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp.

A young man ran up and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!"

But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all God's people were prophets, and that God would bestow the spirit on them all!" Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:25-35, 37b

O God, how manifold are your works!
**In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.

**There move the ships,
and also that Leviathan
which you have made for the sport of it.**

All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.

**You give it to them, they gather it;
you open your hand,
and they are filled with good things.**

You hide your face,
and they are terrified;

**you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.**

You send forth your Spirit,
and they are created;

and so you renew the face of the earth.

May your glory endure forever;
may you rejoice in all that you have made.

**You look upon the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.**

I will sing to you as long as I live;

I will praise you, O God, while I have my being.

May these words of mine please you

—my God in whom I rejoice!

Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. At this sound the crowd gathered, bewildered, because each one heard the apostles speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? *Par*-thi-ans, *Mēdes*, *Ē*-lam-ites, and residents of *Mě*-so-po-*tā*-mi-a, *Jud-ē*-a and *Cap*-pa-*dō*-cia, *Pŏn*-tus and Asia, *Phry*-gi-a and *Pam*-*phy*-li-a, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to *Cy*-*rēn*-*é*, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and *Prŏ*-se-lytes, *Crē*-tans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of God's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of our God
shall be saved."

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-23

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

*The Holy Gospel
of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.*

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

God be with you.

And also with you.

*The Good News
of Jesus Christ
according to John.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the people, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw their Saviour.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.