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**28 May 2023**

**Pentecost**  
**Mass during the day**

Reflection by Joe Tedesco

## **Introduction**

Pentecost announces the time of the Church. A time marked by the Spirit, sent to work in and through us to bring the Good News of God's love to all people.

## **Penitential Act**

Use one of the *Roman Missal* texts or this optional litany form:

Lord Jesus, you gave us your Spirit that we might have life. Lord have mercy.

You gift us with baptism in the Spirit. Christ have mercy.

You bring us into your new Creation. Lord have mercy.

## **Collect**

*The Oration*

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.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

This festal collect takes its inspiration from the day of Pentecost described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-3). It contains a sense of celebration that, across the breadth of the nations and the peoples, the Church is present. Indeed, the wholeness of the church embraces this diversity, and is sanctified throughout this richness. For a prayer emanating from seventh century Rome, this collect has a remarkable sense of the extent of the Church beyond local and imperial constraints. The petition has an evangelical thrust. It seeks first up that the gifts of the Spirit be spread across the face of the earth. These gifts need not be restricted to the seven

that are usually brought to the fore at the time of Confirmation and based in Isaiah 11:2-3. They should also include those that were granted at that first Pentecost: such as the gift of tongues, preaching (Peter) and baptism. At that first outpouring, the people gathered were 'cut to the heart' (Acts 2:37). Our prayer is asking that God, through the Spirit, revisit the hearts of the baptised and fill them again with this same love and enthusiasm.

### **Acknowledgement**

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## **First Reading**

### **Acts 2:1-11**

Gathered together in Jerusalem, the Spirit that the apostles were told to wait for arrives. Gifted with the Holy Spirit, they are able to proclaim in a profound way; everybody hearing them speak in their own language.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

### **Psalm 103(104):1, 24, 29-31, 34**

*Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Or alleluia.*

The spirit of God is the breath of life that brings forth the wonders of all creation.

## **Second Reading**

### **1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13**

St. Paul reminds us that the Spirit will gift us in many ways, but will call us to the one body. We are a diverse people, made one in the Spirit.

## **Sequence**

The sequence is obligatory for Easter and Pentecost and comes from music that dates from as early as the ninth century. It was one of the few places in the Mass in the middle ages where the vernacular was used and the congregation allowed to sing. They are largely poems that comment on the Alleluia and lead into the subject of the Gospel. In our current liturgy the sequence follows the second reading as the Alleluia announces the Gospel. They are best sung by the assembly.

## **Gospel Reading**

### **John 20:19-23**

One of the final scenes in John's Gospel witnesses to Jesus breathing the Holy Spirit on his disciples. The promised Advocate is now available, allowing followers of Christ to be sent as Christ himself was sent.

## Reflection

Through the season of Easter, we have regularly been hearing from the Gospel of John. John has many particular features and one of them is how frequently it explicitly mentions that Jesus has been ‘sent from the Father’. The relationship between the Son and the Father is expressed in many ways but, in John’s Gospel especially, the notion of sending is right up there in frequency and importance. On Pentecost Sunday we hear John’s call of sending uttered again. The words are chosen carefully. Just as Jesus has been sent, so too are his followers.

Importantly, this sending is different than simply being commanded to do something. ‘*Just as the Father*’ is the key. The Father is never not with the Son. In an early ‘sending’ account Jesus says, ‘The one who sent me is with me, he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him’ (John 8:29). The sending is an outpouring of the endless love and mercy of God, the life of the Son is our experience of that love. The followers of Christ in the gospel narratives have witnessed the powerful acts of mercy, forgiveness, justice and healing. The ultimate stretching of that sending is expressed on the cross – Jesus laying down his life. Even here, God is mysteriously still present in the very depths of death itself.

Thus, this sending is not like some commander of an army who sends their soldiers off to fight some battle from a distance. It is not the sending done by a manager of some large corporation that instructs employees to run some errands. The sending is an expression of love that means that the Father and Son are always in harmony and with each other. This is the nature of how we are being sent.

This is also the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus knows that we cannot be sent as we are. Our limitations are too obvious. The uncertainties and anxieties of the world around us are too pressing. As we hear in our Gospel reading, the gathered disciples were huddled up in fear and, like them, we can be paralysed by fear of the world we live in. Fearful of our own inadequacies and perceived threats. But we are sent like Jesus is sent. With the gift of the Holy Spirit, we can also say, the ‘one who sent me is with me’.

We see here an anticipation of next Sunday’s celebration of the Holy Trinity, for we are not only given the example of Jesus, but the Holy Spirit is also the gift of the love between Jesus and God the Father. Pentecost is a reminder and celebration that we are drawn into the trinitarian community of God. John’s structure appears quite intentional and the intertwined themes matter; waiting on Jesus, receiving the Spirit, then being in a position to be sent. God does not simply have minions who do God’s bidding. God has loving relationships that will naturally flow outward to impact our world for the good. Because the love of the trinitarian God is so total, it seeks to include all people, and this is the direction of our sending – ‘out there’ so to speak. This sending also has a shape. It looks like the sending of Jesus; it is full of love, mercy, forgiveness, hope and service.

The first reading from Acts also tells us something about this Spirit of God. The remarkable account from Acts features one of the more fascinating scenes; filled

with the Spirit, the Twelve, the nascent Church as it were, is given the ability to be understood by people of various tongues, hearing them speak in their own various languages. It has likely never been entirely easy to bring Christ to the world, but it can feel especially challenging in our day. In a seemingly ever complex world, in a world where we are ever more connected, yet, seem to be able to talk past each other with little actual communication occurring – it can seem especially challenging to be understood as we face the world around us. The scene from Acts reminds us that we can, indeed, we *need* to trust the Spirit that continues to empower us in the sending such that we can be intelligible to our world.

Our sending will be outwardly focussed; the Spirit simply works that way. We might feel fear, confused and reluctant. This is not unusual. It was the experience of the first followers of Christ, and, in some ways at least, it has likely been the experience of all followers of Christ ever since. But we are graced people, we have the very breath of God availed to us. We pray that we can breathe deeply the Spirit that is the love between the Father and the Son and, experiencing that Spirit, likewise experience for ourselves the love of being sons and daughters of God. Filled with such love, we confidently go out and proclaim God's 'deeds of power' wherever we may go.



# Prayer of the Faithful

## Introduction

As we are filled with the Holy Spirit let us have the confidence to present all our needs before our Father as we pray.

## Petitions

That the Church, filled with the Spirit of Christ, may be renewed to proclaim the gospel throughout the world.

*(Pause)* Lord hear us OR We pray to the Lord.

That the wisdom and strength of the Holy Spirit fill all those entrusted with leading our forthcoming Synod.

*(Pause)* Lord hear us OR We pray to the Lord.

That we, who have the Holy Spirit as our Advocate, may in turn be advocates for the poor, the vulnerable, the forgotten, those who wish to end their lives, and the unborn.

*(Pause)* Lord hear us OR We pray to the Lord.

That our community, gathered here in prayer may always be aware of the Spirit received in Baptism and be open to allowing our lives to be led by the Spirit.

*(Pause)* Lord hear us OR We pray to the Lord.

That those currently studying may be grateful to the Holy Spirit for the gifts of wisdom and knowledge.

*(Pause)* Lord hear us OR We pray to the Lord.

That the sick may experience the true presence and healing of the Holy Spirit.

*(Pause)* Lord hear us OR We pray to the Lord.

That those who have died may be purified by the Spirit and share in eternal life.

*(Pause)* Lord hear us OR We pray to the Lord.

## Conclusion

Father, as you grant us the continuous help of your Holy Spirit, answer our prayers that we bring with confidence through the gifts of baptismal grace. We ask this through the power of the Spirit and in the name of Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Music selections by Alessio Loiacono and Chris deSilva

### Pentecost Sunday, Year A (28 May 2023)

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA
Christians, lift up your hearts			651	355	
Come down, O love divine	118		653	381	375
Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come			654	382	376
Come Holy Spirit, live in us			649		
Diverse in culture, nation, race					520
Filled with the Spirit's power			676	385	
Forth in the peace of Christ we go			681	489	495
Gather your people, O Lord	71			490	530
Gifts of the Spirit				383	
Holy Spirit, come, confirm us			707	386	
Holy Spirit, God of light (Sequence)			317		
Holy Spirit, Lord divine				379, 380	
Holy Spirit, Lord of love			708	387	
O breathe on me, O breath of God			758	564	432
One bread, one body	129			579	193
Send down the fire		164		389	475
Send us as your blessing, Lord	181				
Take the word of God with you				607	494
The Spirit of God			832	388	185
The Spirit of the Lord			834		
There is one Lord (Alstott)		148			
There is one Lord (Berthier)					346
Veni, Creator Spiritus			851	391	373

Title	AOVNG	S&S1	S&S2
Bless the Lord	12		
Come, Holy Ghost			326
Come Holy Spirit (O'Brien)	27		
Come, Holy Spirit (Angotti)	28		
Come O Holy Spirit	30		
Holy Spirit		116	
Holy Spirit come	67		
Holy Spirit, come now.	68		
Lord, send out your Spirit			275
One Spirit, one church		132	
Send out your Spirit		79	
Send out your Spirit, Lord	111		
Veni, Creator Spiritus (Angotti)	141		
We wait for you			325

## **Psalms Selected by Chris deSilva and Angela McCarthy**

Vigil

Psalm 103: *Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth./Alleluia.*

	CWB	GA	PM
Psalm 103	315	62	pg. 82

Sunday, Mass during the day

Psalm 103: *Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth./Alleluia!*

	CWB	GA	JOBA	LPA	PM
Psalm 103	316	62	pg. 50	pg. 68	pg. 82

## **Music selections by Michael Mangan**

**Send out your spirit** (FWS) *Based on Ps 103/104* [Gathering, Gifts]

**Holy Spirit of fire** (SHOF, CWBII) [Gathering, Gifts]

**Holy Spirit, come** (TCS) [Gifts, Communion]

**Come, O come, Holy Spirit** (TWB) [Gifts, Communion]

**Hearts on fire (Vs 2 & 3)** (SHOF) [Recessional]

**Holy Spirit rock** (TT/SYJ) [Recessional]



*I will pour out my  
spirit on all people.*