

ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 31 MAY 2020

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Year A



Notice the colours the priest is wearing today and find out why.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

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...



FIRST READING ACTS 2:1-11

Suddenly the disciples heard what sounded like a powerful wind and they saw something that seemed to be like tongues of fire on each of their heads. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign languages. The

disciples ran out in the streets, excitedly telling everyone the good news about Jesus. There were Jews from all over the world in Jerusalem for the festival and they were all amazed to hear the disciples talking to them in their own language.

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

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

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

It was the feast of Pentecost and the apostles were together in one room.

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

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

The Holy Spirit gives different gifts to different people.



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



DO YOU KNOW?

Pentecost means fiftieth day. It was originally the last day of the Jewish harvest festival. This was the festival that had brought all the foreigners into Jerusalem on the day that the Holy Spirit came to the apostles.



THINK

Jesus gave the gift of peace to his friends. We can give the gift of peace when we treat people with respect and kindness. If we fall out with someone, we could try to imagine how they feel. Jesus will always help us to do what is right.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 103

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



SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3-7, 12-13

There are all sorts of ways of serving God. When everyone works together to use the gifts they have been given, the Holy Spirit can do great things through them. It is just like a human body: the body

has many different parts, but they all work together to make one body. So it is with Christ; we are all parts of his body because we are all baptised in his Spirit. We can say, "Jesus is Lord".

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



GOSPEL JOHN 20:19-23

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

The doors were locked. The disciples were together in one room. It was after the resurrection but they were scared and were hiding from the people who had crucified Jesus.

Suddenly Jesus was standing among them. He said, "Peace be with you." Jesus showed them

his wounds, so they knew it really was him. The disciples were filled with joy! Jesus said again, "Peace be with you." Then he told them that, just as he'd been sent by his Father, he was sending them out to continue his work. Then Jesus gave his friends the gift of his Holy Spirit.

STAND to LISTEN

to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel. What does the priest or deacon do to the book when he has finished reading the Gospel?



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for all the people who are receiving the sacrament of confirmation at this time of year. Let them feel the peace and joy of your Spirit. Lord, hear my prayer.

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



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think of a time when you were unhappy this week, and then think of the happiest time you had.

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.

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



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

What can you give special thanks for today?

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



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

Dear Lord, thank you for being here with me. Thank you for giving me the gift of your Spirit to help me during this week. Amen.



PRAY

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And you will renew the face of the earth.



DO

Spread Jesus' peace by really trying to speak kindly to your family and friends this week.



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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