

COLLECT

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your
Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy
comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our
Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

(Alternative readings)

The reading from Acts must be used as
either the first or second reading.

Either Acts 2:1-21

*A reading from the Acts of the
Apostles.*

When the day of Pentecost had come,
they were all together in one place.
And 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. And at
this sound the crowd gathered and was
bewildered, because each one heard
them 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? Parthians, Medes, Elamites,
and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea
and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the
parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene,
and visitors from Rome, both Jews and
proselytes, Cretans 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, "Men 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 the Lord's great
and glorious day. Then everyone who
calls on the name of the Lord shall be
saved."

Or Numbers 11:24-30

PSALM Psalm 104:25-35. 37

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

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures. R

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 there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it. R

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. R

You send forth your Spirit and they are
created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure for
ever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they
smoke. R

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my
being.

May these words of mine please him;
I will rejoice in the Lord.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia! R

SECOND READING

(Alternative readings)

Either 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to
the Corinthians.*

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except
by the Holy Spirit. Now there are

varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of services, but
the same Lord; and there are varieties
of activities, but it is the same God
who activates all of them in everyone.
To each is given the manifestation of
the Spirit for the common good. To
one is given through the Spirit the
utterance of wisdom, and to another
the utterance of knowledge according
to the same Spirit, to another faith
by the same Spirit, to another gifts of
healing by the one Spirit, to another
the working of miracles, to another
prophecy, to another the discernment
of spirits, to another various kinds of
tongues, to another the interpretation
of tongues. All these are activated by
one and the same Spirit, who allots to
each one individually just as the Spirit
chooses. For just as the body is one
and has many members, and all the
members of the body, though many,
are one body, so it is with Christ. For in
the one Spirit we were all baptized into
one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or
free – and we were all made to drink of
one Spirit.

Or Acts 2:1-21 (as above)

GOSPEL (Alternative readings)

Either John 20:19-23

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John.*

It was evening on the first day of the
week, and the doors of the house
where the disciples had met were
locked for fear of the Jews. 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 the Lord. 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."

Or John 7:37-39

POST COMMUNION

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.