

# SUNDAY LITURGY AT HOME

*Pentecost Sunday*

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

Introduction

*Ps 69:2*

✠ O God, ✠ come to our aid  
✠ O Lord, make haste to help us

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen. Alleluia!

Hymn

*Rabanus Maurus (766-865) trans. Anon.*

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come  
From Thy bright heav'nly throne;  
Come, take possession of our souls,  
And make them all Thine own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,  
Best gift of God above,  
The living spring, the living fire,  
Sweet unction and true love.

Thou who art sevenfold in Thy grace,  
Finger of God's right hand;  
His promise, teaching little ones  
To speak and understand.

O guide our minds with Thy blest light,  
With love our hearts inflame;  
And with Thy strength, which ne'er decays,  
Confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our deadly foe;  
True peace unto us bring;  
And through all perils lead us safe  
Beneath Thy sacred wing.

Through Thee may we the Father know,  
Through Thee th'eternal Son,  
And Thee the Spirit of them both,  
Thrice-blessèd Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,  
With His co-equal Son:  
The same to Thee, great Paraclete,  
While endless ages run.

## PSALMODY

*A soul thirsting for God*

*Ps 62:2-9*

*Let the man who has put away the deeds of the night watch for God*

*Ant 1:* How good and how kind, O Lord, \* is your Spirit in us! Alleluia!

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.  
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.

**For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.  
So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.**

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,**  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*Ant 1:* How good and how kind, O Lord, is your Spirit in us! Alleluia!

*Praise our God, all you his servants (Apoc 19:5)*

*Ant 2:* Let every sprint of water bless the Lord; \* **let everything that lives in water sing a hymn to God. Alleluia!**

O all you works of the Lord, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**And you, angels of the Lord, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, the heavens of the Lord, O bless the  
Lord.

And you, clouds of the sky, O bless the Lord.  
And you, all armies of the Lord, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**And you, sun and moon, O bless the Lord.  
And you, the stars of the heavens, O bless the  
Lord.**

**And you, showers and rain, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, all you breezes and winds, O bless the  
Lord.

And you, fire and heat, O bless the Lord.  
And you, cold and heat, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**And you, showers and dew, O bless the Lord.  
And you, frosts and cold, O bless the Lord.  
And you, frost and snow, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, night-time and day, O bless the Lord.  
And you, darkness and light, O bless the Lord.  
And you, lightning and clouds, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**O let the earth bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, mountains and hills, O bless the Lord.  
And you, all plants of the earth, O bless the Lord.  
And you, fountains and springs, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**And you, rivers and seas, O bless the Lord.  
And you, creatures of the sea, O bless the Lord.  
And you, every bird in the sky, O bless the Lord.  
And you, wild beasts and tame, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, children of men, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**O Israel, bless the Lord, O bless the Lord.  
And you, priests of the Lord, O bless the Lord.  
And you, servants of the Lord, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, spirits and souls of the just, O bless the Lord.  
And you, holy and humble of heart, O bless the Lord.  
Ananias, Azarias, Mizael, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**Let us praise the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit:  
To you be highest glory and praise for ever.  
May you be blessed, O Lord, in the heavens:  
To you be highest glory and praise for ever.**

*Ant 2:* Let every sprint of water bless the Lord; let everything that lives in water sing a hymn to God. Alleluia!

*The song of joy of the saints*

*Ps 149*

*The members of the Church, God's new people, will rejoice in their king, who is Christ (Hesychius)*

*Ant 3:* The apostles spoke in different tongues \* **and proclaimed the wonderful deeds of God. Alleluia!**

Sing a new song to the Lord,  
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.  
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker,  
let Sion's sons exult in their king.  
Let them praise his name with dancing  
and make music with timbrel and harp.

**For the Lord takes delight in his people.  
He crowns the poor with salvation.  
Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,  
shout for joy and take their rest.  
Let the praise of God be on their lips  
and a two-edged sword in their hand,**

to deal out vengeance to the nations  
and punishment on all the peoples;  
to bind their kings in chains  
and their nobles in fetters of iron;  
to carry out the sentence pre-ordained:  
this honour is for all his faithful.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,**  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*Ant 3:* The apostles spoke in different tongues and proclaimed the wonderful deeds of God. Alleluia!

## COLLECT OF THE MASS

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Let us pray.

**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, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

*Acts 2:1-11*

*There were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

A reading from the book of Acts.

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

**℟️ Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

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

**℟️ Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. **℟️**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. **℟️**

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and renew the face of the earth. **℟️**

### Second Reading

*1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13*

*In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.*

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

**℟️ Thanks be to God.**

## Pentecost Sequence

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Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure  
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet  
Pleasant coolness in the heat  
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay  
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew  
On our dryness pour thy dew  
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill  
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die  
Give us life with thee on high  
Give us joys that never end.

## Gospel Acclamation

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**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Reading

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*John 20:19-23*

*As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit*

✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel ✠ according to John.

✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**I**n the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

✠ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Reflection

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*A time for either silent reflection by oneself, or sharing amongst the household*

# PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

## Intercessions

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In real humility of heart let us pray to God who cares for everyone, saying:

**℟ Lord, have mercy on your people.**

Defend the church against all danger. ℟

Protect Francis our Pope. ℟

Be the strength of Patrick our Bishop. ℟

Keep our parish united in prayer. ℟

Save your people. ℟

Preserve the world in peace. ℟

Bring light to those who do not believe. ℟

Guide the rulers of all nations. ℟

Come to the aid of the poor. ℟

Comfort the afflicted. ℟

Guide and strengthen healthcare workers. ℟

Bring an end to the coronavirus. ℟

Have mercy on the dead. ℟

*We pause to make our own prayers.*

We ask Mary to place the whole world under her maternal protection, saying:

**Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

## Our Father

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Let us pray together in the words Jesus taught us, saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

## Spiritual Communion

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*Spend a few moments in silence, then pray asking Jesus to make his home in your heart:*

**My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

# THANKSGIVING AND CONCLUSION

## The Benedictus

Luke 1:68-79

*The Messiah and the one who was sent before him*

*Ant:* Receive the Holy Spirit. \* **Those whose sins you forgive will be forgiven them. Alleluia!**

**B**lessed be the Lord, ✠ the God of Israel!  
He has visited his people and redeemed them.

**He has raised up for us a mighty saviour  
in the house of David his servant,  
as he promised by the lips of holy men,  
those who were his prophets from of old.**

A saviour who would free us from our foes,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
So his love for our fathers is fulfilled  
and his holy covenant remembered.

**He swore to Abraham our father to grant us,  
that free from fear,  
and saved from the hands of our foes,  
we might serve him in holiness and justice  
all the days of our life in his presence.**

As for you, little child,  
you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.  
You shall go ahead of the Lord  
to prepare his ways before him,

**To make known to his people their salvation  
through forgiveness of all their sins,  
the loving-kindness of the heart of our God  
who visits us like the dawn from on high.**

He will give light to those in darkness,  
those who dwell in the shadow of death,  
and guide us into the way of peace.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

*Ant:* Receive the Holy Spirit. **Those whose sins you forgive will be forgiven them. Alleluia!**

## Blessing

The Lord bless us, ✠ and keep us from all evil,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**