

Year A; Pentecost Sunday
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts

- Acts 2:1-21
 - Or Numbers 11:24-30
- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
 - Or Acts 2:1-21
- John 20:19-23
 - Or John 7:37-39

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Acts 2*)

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

All: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

One: These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

All: when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

One: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

All: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

One: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works —

All: who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

One: We will sing to the LORD as long as we live; we will sing praise to our God while we have being.

All: May our meditations be pleasing to him, for we rejoice in the LORD.

One: Bless the LORD, O our souls.

All: Let us praise and worship the LORD!

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from 1 Corinthians 12*)

The Holy Spirit has given the members of the church a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit; a variety of services, but the same Lord, and a variety of activities but the same God who activates all of them in everyone. We, sometimes, though, hoard these gifts, disrespect the gifts of others, and use them for our own advantage. Let us confess our sin in this. Let us pray.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*30 seconds*)

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*from 1 Corinthians 12*)

God, our provider, you have gifted members of the church with all that the church needs including gifts of the utterances of wisdom and knowledge, faith, healing, working miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, and expressing various tongues. We, though, dishonor your gifts when we hide our gifts, or when we fail to allow space for others to exercise their gifts, or when we use our gifts for our own advantage or to gain attention rather than using them for the common good. Help us to exercise our gifts as if a part of a symphony with movements of various people and a harmony of all efforts together. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who continues to exercise his gifts as a part of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*from Acts 2*)

God has promised that in the last days, he will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh; our sons and daughters will prophesy, and our young men will see visions, and our old men will dream dreams. In the last days, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Friends, hear and believe this good news.

All: Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*from John 20*)

Faithful God, we gather before you with thanks and in response to your promises over the ages. Thank you for sending your promised Spirit to the church to guide the church and to guide, correct, and sustain each of us. Continue to use your Spirit to make the church into the body of Christ that you intend. Use these gifts we offer in talent and in finances for your purposes in the church and in the world. In the name of the one who promised that Spirit, our Lord Jesus, the Messiah. Amen.

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