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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again,
"Peace be with you. As
the Father has sent me, so
I send you." - Jn 20:21

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Preparation

There are a few things you need to do to get ready before you begin.

MAKE TODAY SPECIAL!

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church, so it is an opportunity to celebrate a bit differently. Here are some ideas for how to put a bit more joy into your day:

- The color for today is **RED** (the color of the Holy Spirit). Wear red, use a red table cloth, and decorate with that color however you can.
- Since today is the Church's birthday, you might serve a birthday cake or put candles in cupcakes. You could even sing "Happy Birthday" to the Church!
- Today we hear about how the Holy Spirit came in the form of flames above the disciples' heads. Gather all the candles you can find in your house for your altar and light them before today's service.
- We recommend glancing through the whole service before you start. **Adapt the service for your family**, especially so it will be age-appropriate.
- **Prepare a bowl of water** and a sprig of a plant for the sprinkling rite.

- You could make the setting special by using a red table cloth and setting some candles out. Get the whole family involved in the preparations.
- **Place your family Bible on the table**, if you have one, opened up to the first reading of the day (Acts 2:1-11).
- **The script has leader and various reader parts.** Anyone old enough to read well can perform these roles.
- **An iPad/tablet computer** or large phone could work well for reading the script. **It would be helpful to have two devices** for multiple people to read. To access the slideshow and hymns, visit: <https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2020-05-31>
- **Don't worry**, you don't have to do this perfectly. Have some fun with it. Let's pray!

JUST BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- **Silence and set aside all phones** or other devices that may interrupt you.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING SONG (OPTIONAL)

Start playing the video for this opening song, and then scroll down to sing along with the lyrics.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VX6LsNoyczQ&feature=emb_logo

GREETING

Leader: † In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
Blessed be God forever.
The response is: Blessed be God forever.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: We gather together as a family
to welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives more fully.
One with all of our sisters and brothers throughout the world,
let us now listen to God's Word and join in prayer.

SPRINKLING RITE

Explain to your children that if you were in church now the priest would walk around and sprinkle everyone with water as a reminder of their own baptism. Invite your children to do a home sprinkling blessing now. They may dip the plant sprig (or just their hands if you don't have one) into the bowl of water and use it to sprinkle a blessing on everyone in the family now. Let them enjoy this moment, even if they get you a bit wetter than you would like.

Leader: God has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit.
May we stay faithful to Jesus for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

Pause for a short time for everyone to pray in silence. Then pray the following out loud, carefully and with meaning.

Leader: Gracious God,
Look upon us with love and fill our hearts with joy
as we seek you and follow the way of your Son.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Reader 1: On the feast of Pentecost, Jewish people from all over gathered in Jerusalem.
Something amazing happened to Jesus' disciples on that day, and the church was born!

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

This text is based on the translation used in the Lectionary for Masses with Children and is easier for young people to understand.

Reader 1: On the day of Pentecost all the Lord's followers were together in one place.
Suddenly there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind!
It filled the house where they were meeting.
Then they saw what looked like fiery tongues moving in all directions, and a tongue
came and settled on each person there.
The Holy Spirit took control of everyone, and they began speaking whatever languages
the Spirit let them speak.

Many religious Jews from every country in the world were living in Jerusalem.
And when they heard this noise, a crowd gathered.
But they were surprised, because they were hearing everything in their own languages.
They were excited and amazed, and said:

Don't all these who are speaking come from Galilee?
Then why do we hear them speaking our very own languages?
Some of us are from Parthia, Media, and Elam.
Others are from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia,
Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, parts of Libya near Cyrene, Rome,
Crete, and Arabia.

Some of us were born Jews, and others of us have chosen to be Jews.
Yet we all hear them using our own languages to tell the wonderful things God has done.

Acts 2:1-11. Common English Version. This is the translation used in Children's Liturgy of the Word or in Masses with Children. Copyright © 1995 by [American Bible Society](http://www.abbotsford.com)

Reader 1: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

READING ILLUSTRATION

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMQKy1Mx49M&feature=emb_logo

Pause for a few moments before continuing.

ALLELUIA

Play the video. Listen to the refrain the first time, then sing together when it repeats.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FbxKdSk2dKI&feature=emb_logo

GOSPEL

Lead your family in this action prayer, making the Sign of the Cross over your forehead, lips, and heart at each step.

Reader 1: Today we hear of another time when Jesus appeared to his disciples after he rose from the dead.

We now do this action prayer together:
May the Lord be on my mind, †
on my lips, †
and in my heart †
as we hear the Gospel today.

A reading from the holy Gospel of Matthew.

This text is based on the translation used in the Lectionary for Masses with Children and is easier for young people to understand.

Reader 2: The disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders,
and on the evening of that same Sunday they locked themselves in a room.

Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group.
He greeted them and showed them his hands and his side.
When the disciples saw the Lord, they became very happy.

After Jesus had greeted them again, he said,
"I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me."

Then he breathed on them and said,
"Receive the Holy Spirit.
If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven.
But if you don't forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven."

John 20:19-23. From the Contemporary English Version, copyright © American Bible Society, 1991, 1995.

Reader 2: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Take some time to talk together about what the readings mean to each of you. You can do this however you would like, but here are some thoughts and questions that can get you started.

- How do you think the disciples felt when they heard the loud noise like a wind, saw the tongues of fire, and then had them settle on them? What do you think they were thinking when they realized they could speak in other languages? Do you think they realized it was the Holy Spirit who Jesus promised that had finally come to them?
- Today's Gospel reading actually happened BEFORE the events in the first reading, when the tongues of fire came upon the apostles. So in the Gospel reading the apostles were still afraid because Jesus had been killed and they hadn't seen him alive again yet. When Jesus came to them, he said, "Peace be with you." What do you think they were thinking and feeling then?
- In this story, it's Jesus who gives the apostles the gift of the Holy Spirit by breathing on them. He tells them that now they have the power to forgive people. We all received the gift of the Holy Spirit at our baptisms so we can forgive people too. Share about a time when you forgave someone or someone else forgave you. How did you feel beforehand? How did you feel afterwards?

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Leader: Now let's pray together to God for what we need.

Reader 2: For everyone in our family, or communities, and the whole world
who is sick with the coronavirus or anything else,
that they may feel the Holy Spirit inside of them and know that Jesus hasn't left them
alone,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: For all the people working to help those with the coronavirus,
from doctors and scientists to government leaders,
that they may be inspired by the Holy Spirit to do what is best for everyone,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: For all those whose lives are harder now because of the virus,
especially for those who have lost their jobs,

that we and they may remember that God hasn't left us like orphans.
Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: For what else and for who else shall we pray?

Allow time for anyone else to speak prayers aloud.

LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we have the courage to say:

All: 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.

SIGN OF PEACE

Leader: Let us now offer each another a sign of peace.

Share some hugs!

A LITANY FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Leader: The response is: Lord, bring us closer to you!

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Leader: Lord our God,
we wish we could gather today with our parish community,
but we gather here out of love and concern for others.
You teach us that when two or three are gathered in your name,
you are there.
Together, we pray:

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Leader: Christ Jesus, you are present in a special way
when bread and wine are turned into your Body and Blood.
Since we cannot receive you in this way today,
We ask that you enter our hearts

so that we may receive you spiritually.
Together, we pray:

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Leader: Lord our God,
watch over your family
and keep us safe in your care,
for all our hope is in you.

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Concluding Rite

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Leader: Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

CLOSING SONG (OPTIONAL)

Start playing the video, and then scroll down to sing along with the lyrics.

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Refrain

O God, send out your Spirit;
renew the face of the earth.
O God, send out your Spirit;
renew the face of the earth.

Verse 1

We bless you, O God, for you are so great.
Your Spirit uncovers hidden beauty and grace.
Though times we deny all the pain and the tears,
your Spirit empowers us and soon we face our fear.

Verse 2

Ev'ry prayer we pray, sacred word, sacred rite,
is for the ones who are left waiting outside.
Ev'ry sermon we preach, ev'ry Spirit-filled tune;
Love says, "Remember why we do the things we do."

Verse 3

Ev'ry time a person reaching out is turned away
by the racist prejudicial attitudes of hate,

we are called to break the silence, sanctioning the shame,
stepping cross the lines of this sometimes unholy game.

Verse 4

Sources of oppression that we haven't really faced;
human inhumanity upon the human race.
Spirit ever faithful, Spirit ever true,
rain down all around, and ev'ry heart renew.

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