

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples 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.' "

PSALM 104:25-35, 37

Benedic, anima mea

²⁵ O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁶ Yonder is the great and wide sea with its
living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

²⁷ There move the ships, and there is that
Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of
it.

²⁸ All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

²⁹ You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled
with good things.

³⁰ You hide your face, and they are
terrified; *
you take away their breath, and they
die and return to their dust.

³¹ You send forth your Spirit, and they are
created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³² May the glory of the Lord endure for
ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

SECOND LESSON

All who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God. For you did not
receive a spirit of slavery to fall back
into fear, but you have received a spirit of
adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"
it is

GOSPEL

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us
the Father, and we will be satisfied."
Jesus said to him, "Have I been with
you all this time, Philip, and you still do
not know me? Whoever has seen me has
seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show
us the Father'? Do you not believe that I
am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words that I say to you I do not speak
on my own; but the Father who dwells in
me does his works. Believe me that I am
in the Father and the Father is in me; but
if you do not, then believe me because of
the works themselves. Very truly, I tell
you, the one who believes in

me will also do the works that I do and,
in fact, will do greater works than these,

³³ He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they
smoke.

³⁴ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my
being.

³⁵ May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.

³⁷ Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

Romans 8:14-17

that very Spirit bearing witness with our
spirit that we are children of God, and if
children, then heirs, heirs of God and
joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we
suffer with him so that we may also be
glorified with him.

John 14:8-17

because I am going to the Father. I will do
whatever you ask in my name, so that the
Father may be glorified in the Son. If in
my name you ask me for anything, I will
do it. "If you love me, you will keep my
commandments. And I will ask the
Father, and he will give you another
Advocate, to be with you forever. This is
the Spirit of truth, whom the world
cannot receive, because it neither sees
him nor knows him. You know him,
because he abides with you, and he will
be in you."