

Day of Pentecost – Year A
Sunday, 24th May 2026

Sentence: John 7.38

‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,’ says the Lord; ‘and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.’

Collect:

Almighty God,
at the feast of Pentecost
you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
empower us with that same Spirit
to witness to your redeeming love
and draw all people to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 2.1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire,
appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were
filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave
them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living
in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because
each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and
astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?’ ⁸ And how
is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?
⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and
Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of
Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s
deeds of power.’ ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What

does this mean?’ ¹³ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’
¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in
the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “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.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my
Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and
signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be
turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great
and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be
saved.”

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104.26-36

²⁶ Lord, how various are your works:
in wisdom you have made them all,
and the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁷ There is the wide, immeasurable sea:
there move living things without number, great and small;

²⁸ There go the ships, to and fro:
and there is that Leviathan
whom you formed to sport in the deep.

²⁹ These all look to you:
to give them their food in due season.

³⁰ When you give it to them, they gather it:
when you open your hand
they are satisfied with good things.

³¹ When you hide your face, they are troubled:
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.

³² When you send forth your spirit they are created:
and you renew the face of the earth.

³³ May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:
may the Lord rejoice in his works.

³⁴ If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:
if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.

³⁵ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:
I will praise my God while I have any being.

³⁶ May my meditation be pleasing to him:
for my joy shall be in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.1-13

A reading from the first Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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.

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia. **Alleluia!**

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

Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel: John 20.19-23

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John,
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, 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.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.