

Sunday 16 May 2027

Pentecost (Year B)

First Reading - Acts 2.1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, the disciples

 were all together in one place,
 when suddenly, all around them,

there was a sound

 like the rush of a violent wind,
 filling the entire house
 where they were meeting.

Flames, or tongues of fire, appeared amongst them,
 and rested on each of them.

And they were filled with the Holy Spirit,
 and began to speak in many languages.

At this sound,

 a crowd began to gather,
 made up of Jewish believers who were

 staying in Jerusalem -

from Asia and Arabia,

 Egypt and North Africa,

Judea, Turkey, Syria,

 Greece and the Balkans,

Crete, and Rome,

 both Hebrews and converts.

They said, 'Surely, these who are speaking
 are all from Galilee.'

And yet we hear them

 declaring the greatness of God,

each

 in our own language.

What can this mean?'

But others mocked and said, 'They have had
 too much wine.'

Peter, standing with the eleven,

 raised his voice,

 and addressed the crowd, saying:

'People of Judea,

 and all who are here in Jerusalem:

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,

when God declared: "In those days,

 I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

The young will see visions,

 your elders will dream dreams,

 and your sons and your daughters

 will receive and proclaim my word.

There will be wonders and signs

 in the heavens, and on the earth:

blood, and fire, and clouds of smoke,

 the sun turned to darkness

 and the moon blood red,

before the coming

 of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

And everyone who calls

 on the name of the Lord

 will be saved."

This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - Romans 8.22-26

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The whole creation

 is groaning, as if in labour pains.

And even we,

 with the spirit of life within us,

groan inwardly,

 as we await

 the completion of our adoption

into the full freedom

 of the children of God.

We do not yet

 see it completed,

but we wait for it

 with patience, confidence, and trust.

And the spirit helps us

 in our present weakness;

for we do not know

 how to pray as we ought,

but the spirit prays within us,

 in sighs too deep for words.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - John 15.26, 16.12-15

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

 according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'From the Father,

 I will send to you

 the Spirit of truth,

to be with you,

 and to speak for me.

I have many things

 still to say to you -

more

 than you can know.

But the Spirit of Truth

 will come to you,

and guide you

 into all truth;

honouring me,

 by taking

 what is mine,

 and making it known to you;

disclosing to you

 the things

 that are to come.

All that the Father has

 is mine;

and the Spirit of Truth

 will take

 what is mine,

 and make it known to you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.