

Lectionary Readings  
for  
Pentecost Sunday  
Year A

Scriptures Set by  
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Psalm 104:24-34

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works! They are too many to count.

People: O Lord, your works are layer upon layer! Who could count them all?

Leader: In wisdom, you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

People: All creatures great and small are of your making.

Leader: They look to you to give them their food at just the right time; when you provide, they gather it up.

People: When you open your hand to them, they are filled with good things.

Leader: But when you hide your face from them, they are dismayed.

People: When you take their breath away, they die and return to dust.

Leader: When you send forth your Spirit, they are given life, and you renew their surroundings.

People: May the glory of the Lord endure forever! May the Lord rejoice in the works of his hands.

Leader: Our God looks at the earth, and it trembles; he touches the mountains, and smoke pours forth.

People: I will sing praise to the Lord as long as I live.

Leader: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

People: May all my meditations be pleasing to God, for I rejoice in him.

John 7:37-39

Call to Worship from John 7:37-38

Leader: Hear these words of Jesus:

People: "Let anyone who is thirsty, come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink."

Leader: May these words spoken by Jesus about the yet-to-come Holy Spirit speak to us again on this Pentecost Sunday. May we thirsty ones come and drink freely from the well of God's good Spirit.

People: "Out of the hearts of the believers shall flow rivers of living water."

Leader: May it be so!

People: May it be so!

Hymn/Song Suggestions:

"Like a River Glorious"

"Never Thirst Again" (Babbie Mason chorus)

"As the Deer"

"You Who Are Thirsty" FWS

"As Water to the Thirsty" W&R

"Taste and See" FWS

Anthem – "Let Everyone Who Is Thirsty, Come" (Craig Curry) Harold Flammer A7646

Acts 2  
Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Leader: When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

People: Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Leader: They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

People: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Leader: Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked:

People: "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?"

Leader: Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another,

People: "What does this mean?"

Leader: Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Leader: Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

Peter: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood 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.'

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Reading from Acts 2

*[the bulk of the reading may be read by the "leader" or by the full congregation]*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Divided tongues as of fire appeared among them, and on each of them one of the tongues came to rest. Everyone was filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them the ability.

Peter spoke to those who observed all this, saying, “This is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: In the last days, the Lord declares that he will pour his Spirit out on all flesh, and that your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. In those days, both men and women will prophesy, and everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Suggestions: “Spirit, Sing” [Joseph Martin]

“The Power of My Spirit” [Pepper Choplin]

“I Am God” [Donna Butler/ Pamela Martin]

**See “Spirit of God, Come” in WorshipRx - New Hymns**

*Epistle Reading on the Next Page*

I Corinthians 12:4-13

Leader: There are varieties of gifts,

People: but the same Spirit.

Leader: There are varieties of services,

People: but the same Lord.

Leader: There are varieties of activities,

People: but the same God activates all of them in everyone.

Leader: To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. Through the Spirit,  
to one is given the utterance of wisdom,

People: to another is given the utterance of knowledge,

Leader: to another is given faith,

People: to another is given gifts of healing,

Leader: to another is given the ability to work miracles,

People: to another is given prophecy,

Leader: to another is given discernment of spirits,

People: to another is given various kinds of tongues,

Leader: to another is given the interpretation of tongues.

People: All these are activated by one and the same Spirit who makes the allotment of gifts to  
each one individually as the Spirit chooses.

Leader: Just as the body is one and has many members, and though they are many, all the  
members of the body are one, so it is with Christ.

People: In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, regardless of our background. And  
we were all made to drink of the one Spirit.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*This reading may be done as one long reading, or only one section may be used. If you use it all,  
delete the breaks.*

Hymn/Song Suggestions:

“Spirit, Now Live in Me”

“Of All the Spirit’s Gifts to Me”

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

“O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping through Us” (various tunes)

“Let Every Christian Pray” (W&R)

See THE FAITH WE SING 2117-2125

Anthem – “Many Gifts, One Spirit” (Allen Pote)