

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 9, 2019



### THE LESSON Acts 2:1-21

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

<sup>5</sup>There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. <sup>7</sup>They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? <sup>8</sup>How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—we hear them

declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!" <sup>12</sup>They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>Others jeered at them, saying, "They're full of new wine!"

<sup>14</sup>Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! <sup>15</sup>These people aren't drunk, as you suspect; after all, it's only nine o'clock in the morning! <sup>16</sup>Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

*<sup>17</sup>In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young will see visions. Your elders will dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my servants, men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. <sup>19</sup>I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a cloud of smoke. <sup>20</sup>The sun will be changed into darkness, and the moon will be changed into blood, before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes. <sup>21</sup>And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

### THE RESPONSE Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

<sup>24</sup>LORD, you have done so many things! You made them all so wisely! The earth is full of your creations!

<sup>25</sup>And then there's the sea, wide and deep, with its countless creatures—living things both small and large.

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships on it, and Leviathan, which you made, plays in it!

<sup>27</sup>All your creations wait for you to give them their food on time.

<sup>28</sup>When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled completely full!

<sup>29</sup>But when you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to dust.

<sup>30</sup>When you let loose your breath, they are created, and you make the surface of the ground brand-new again.

<sup>31</sup>Let the LORD's glory last forever! Let the LORD rejoice in all he has made!

<sup>32</sup>He has only to look at the earth, and it shakes. God just touches the mountains, and they erupt in smoke.

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I'm still alive.

<sup>34</sup>Let my praise be pleasing to him; I'm rejoicing in the LORD! . . . .

<sup>35b</sup>But let my whole being bless the LORD! Praise the LORD!

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*THE EPISTLE Romans 8:14-17*

<sup>14</sup>All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. <sup>15</sup>You didn't receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father."

<sup>16</sup>The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children.

<sup>17</sup>But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God's heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him.

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*THE GOSPEL*

**John 14:8-17 (25-27)**

<sup>8</sup>Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us."

<sup>9</sup>Jesus replied, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

<sup>10</sup>Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I

don't speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works.

<sup>11</sup>Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father.

<sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>When you

ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup>If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you. . . .

<sup>25</sup>I have spoken these things to you while I am with you. <sup>26</sup>The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you.

<sup>27</sup>"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don't be troubled or afraid."