**Sunday 31 May 2020**

*Liturgical Colour: Red.*

**Mass Today**

*These readings are for the day of the feast itself:*

**The Introductory Rites**

*All stand. The Priest approaches the altar with the ministers and venerates it while the Entrance Antiphon is sung:*

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**Entrance Antiphon**

**Wis 1: 7**

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world

and that which contains all things

understands what is said, alleluia.

**Or:**

**Rm 5: 5; cf. 8: 11**

The love of God has been poured into our hearts

through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

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**Sign of the Cross**

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The people reply:*

**Amen.**

**Greeting**

*Either:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit

be with you all.

*Or:* Grace to you and peace from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Or:* The Lord be with you.

*The people reply:*

**And with your spirit.**

**Penitential Act**

Brethren **(**brothers and sisters**)**, let us acknowledge our sins,

and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*All recite together the formula of general confession:*

**I confess to almighty God**

**and to you, my brothers and sisters,**

**that I have greatly sinned,**

**in my thoughts and in my words,**

**in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

*And, striking their breast, they say:*

**through my fault,**

**through my fault,**

**through my most grievous fault;**

**therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,**

**all the Angels and Saints,**

**and you, my brothers and sisters,**

**to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*The absolution by the Priest follows:*

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

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| *Either:*  *V.* Lord, have mercy.  *R.* **Lord, have mercy.**  *V.* Christ, have mercy.  *R.* **Christ, have mercy.**  *V.* Lord, have mercy.  *R.* **Lord, have mercy.** | *Or:*  *V.* Kyrie, eléison.  *R.* **Kyrie, eléison.**  *V.* Christe, eléison.  *R.* **Christe, eléison.**  *V.* Kyrie, eléison.  *R.* **Kyrie, eléison.** |

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**The Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest,**

**and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,**

**we bless you,**

**we adore you,**

**we glorify you,**

**we give you thanks for your great glory,**

**Lord God, heavenly King,**

**O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**you take away the sins of the world,**

**have mercy on us;**

**you take away the sins of the world,**

**receive our prayer;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

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Let us pray.

O God, who by the mystery of today’s great feast

sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation,

pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit

across the face of the earth

and, with the divine grace that was at work

when the Gospel was first proclaimed,

fill now once more the hearts of believers.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

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**The Liturgy of the Word**

*All sit.*

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**First reading**

**Acts 2:1-11**

**They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak**

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. ‘Surely’ they said ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.’

The word of the Lord.

*All reply:*

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34**

*Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches.

*Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

You take back your spirit, they die,

returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the earth.

*Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord.

*Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

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**Second reading**

**1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13**

**In the one Spirit we were all baptised**

No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord’ unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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*The assembly stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation to welcome the Gospel.*

*They remain standing in honour of the Gospel reading, the high point of the Liturgy of the Word.*

**Sequence**

**Veni, sancte Spiritus**

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,

From the clear celestial height

Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,

Come with treasures which endure

Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,

Thou, the soul’s delightful guest,

Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet

Pleasant coolness in the heat

Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,

Visit thou these hearts of thine,

And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,

Nothing pure in man will stay

All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew

On our dryness pour thy dew

Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will

Melt the frozen, warm the chill

Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore

Thee confess and thee adore,

With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die

Give us life with thee on high

Give us joys that never end.

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**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

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*At the ambo the Deacon, or the Priest, says:*

The Lord be with you.

*The people reply:*

**And with your spirit.**

*The Deacon, or the Priest:*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to **N.**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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**Gospel**

**John 20:19-23**

**As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.

‘As the Father sent me,

so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

*All reply:*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the proclamation of the Gospel the congregation is seated.*

**The Homily**

*At the end of the Homily it is appropriate for there to be a brief silence for recollection.*

*The congregation then stands.*

**The Creed**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God,**

**the Father almighty,**

**Creator of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

*At the words that follow, up to and including ‘the Virgin Mary’, all bow.*

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died and was buried;**

**he descended into hell;**

**on the third day he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;**

**from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayer of the Faithful (Bidding Prayers)**

*The Priest concludes the Prayer of the Faithful with a collect.*

*When the Liturgy of the Word has been completed, the people sit.*

**The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**The Offertory**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,

for through your goodness we have received

the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands,

it will become for us the bread of life.

*If the Priest says the prayers aloud the assembly’s acclamation is:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,

for through your goodness we have received

the wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands,

it will become our spiritual drink.

*If the Priest says the prayers aloud the assembly’s acclamation is:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, brethren **(**brothers and sisters**)**,

that my sacrifice and yours

may be acceptable to God,

the almighty Father.

*The people reply:*

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands**

**for the praise and glory of his name,**

**for our good**

**and the good of all his holy Church.**

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Grant, we pray, O Lord,

that, as promised by your Son,

the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly

the hidden mystery of this sacrifice

and graciously lead us into all truth.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*Extending his hands, the Priest says:*

The Lord be with you.

*The people reply:*

**And with your spirit.**

*The Priest, raising his hands, continues:*

Lift up your hearts.

*The people:*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*The Priest, with hands extended, adds:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*The people:*

**It is right and just.**

*The Priest continues with the Preface.*

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**Preface**

**The Mystery of Pentecost**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For, bringing your Paschal Mystery to completion,

you bestowed the Holy Spirit today

on those you made your adopted children

by uniting them to your Only Begotten Son.

This same Spirit, as the Church came to birth,

opened to all peoples the knowledge of God

and brought together the many languages of the earth

in profession of the one faith.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy,

every land, every people exults in your praise

and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts,

sing together the unending hymn of your glory,

as they acclaim:

*The Priest concludes the Preface with the people singing or saying aloud:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*After this the congregation kneels for the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II*

*The Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation may be used in Masses in which the mystery of reconciliation is conveyed to the faithful in a special way, as, for example, in the Masses for Promoting Harmony, For Reconciliation, For the Preservation of Peace and Justice, In Time of War or Civil Disturbance, For the Forgiveness of Sins, For Charity, of the Mystery of the Holy Cross, of the Most Holy Eucharist, of the Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, as well as in Masses during Lent.*

*The Priest alone says:*

You, therefore, almighty Father,

we bless through Jesus Christ your Son,

who comes in your name.

He himself is the Word that brings salvation,

the hand you extend to sinners,

the way by which your peace is offered to us.

When we ourselves had turned away from you

on account of our sins,

you brought us back to be reconciled, O Lord,

so that, converted at last to you,

we might love one another

through your Son,

whom for our sake you handed over to death.

And now, celebrating the reconciliation

Christ has brought us,

we entreat you:

sanctify these gifts by the outpouring of your Spirit,

that they may become the Body and **✠** Blood of your Son,

whose command we fulfil

when we celebrate these mysteries.

For when about to give his life to set us free,

as he reclined at supper,

he himself took bread into his hands,

and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,

broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it,

for this is my Body,

which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, on that same evening,

he took the chalice of blessing in his hands,

confessing your mercy,

and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it,

for this is the chalice of my Blood,

the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,

which will be poured out for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me.

*After the words of Consecration the priest says:*

The mystery of faith.

*The people continue, acclaiming:*

*Either:*

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,**

**and profess your Resurrection**

**until you come again.**

*Or:*

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,**

**we proclaim your Death, O Lord,**

**until you come again.**

*Or:*

**Save us, Saviour of the world,**

**for by your Cross and Resurrection**

**you have set us free.**

Celebrating, therefore, the memorial

of the Death and Resurrection of your Son,

who left us this pledge of his love,

we offer you what you have bestowed on us,

the Sacrifice of perfect reconciliation.

Holy Father, we humbly beseech you

to accept us also, together with your Son,

and in this saving banquet

graciously to endow us with his very Spirit,

who takes away everything

that estranges us from one another.

May he make your Church a sign of unity

and an instrument of your peace among all people

and may he keep us in communion

with **N.** our Pope and **N.** our Bishop

and all the Bishops

and your entire people.

Just as you have gathered us now at the table of your Son,

so also bring us together,

with the glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God,

with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,

with your blessed Apostles and all the Saints,

with our brothers and sisters

and those of every race and tongue

who have died in your friendship.

Bring us to share with them the unending banquet of unity

in a new heaven and a new earth,

where the fullness of your peace will shine forth

in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, raising both, he alone says:*

Through him, and with him, and in him,

O God, almighty Father,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honour is yours,

for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**The Communion Rite**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*The congregation stands and the Priest says:*

At the Saviour’s command

and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

*Together with the people, he continues:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

*The Priest alone continues, saying:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,

graciously grant peace in our days,

that, by the help of your mercy,

we may be always free from sin

and safe from all distress,

as we await the blessed hope

and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:*

**For the kingdom,**

**the power and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

*Then the Priest alone says aloud:*

Lord Jesus Christ,

who said to your Apostles:

Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,

look not on our sins,

but on the faith of your Church,

and graciously grant her peace and unity

in accordance with your will.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

*The people reply:*

**Amen.**

*The Priest adds:*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*The people reply:*

**And with your spirit.**

*The Deacon, or the Priest, adds:*

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*And all offer one another the customary sign of peace: a handclasp or handshake, which is an expression of peace, communion, and charity.*

**Breaking of the Bread**

*During the breaking of the host the following is sung or said:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,**

**grant us peace.**

*After the Lamb of God, the people kneel.*

**Invitation to Communion**

*After his private prayers of preparation the Priest genuflects, takes the host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice says aloud:*

Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*And together with the people he adds once:*

**Lord, I am not worthy**

**that you should enter under my roof,**

**but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

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*While the Priest is consuming the Sacrament, the Communion song begins. Its purpose is to express the communicants’ spiritual unity through the unity of their voices, to show their joy, and to highlight more clearly the communal nature of their procession towards the Sacrament. In cases where nothing is sung, the Communion Antiphon may be recited, by some or all of the faithful, or by a lector, or even by the Priest himself after he has received Communion and before he distributes Communion to the faithful.*

**Communion Antiphon**

**Acts 2: 4, 11**

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit

and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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*After the priest has reverently consumed the Body and Blood of Christ the communicants come forward in reverent procession, and make a preparatory act of reverence by bowing their head in honour of Christ’s presence in the Sacrament. They receive Holy Communion standing. The Priest says:*

The Body of Christ.

*The communicant replies:*

**Amen.**

*When Communion is ministered under both kinds the minister of the Chalice raises it slightly and shows it to each of the communicants, saying:*

The Blood of Christ.

*The communicant replies:*

**Amen.**

*After the distribution of Communion, if appropriate, a sacred silence may be observed for a while, or a psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may be sung.*

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**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church,

safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given,

that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her

may retain all its force

and that this spiritual food

may gain her abundance of eternal redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**The Concluding Rites**

*Any brief announcements to the people follow here. Then the dismissal takes place. Sometimes this takes a more elaborate form than that given below.*

**Blessing**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the Son, **✠** and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Dismissal**

*Then the Deacon, or the Priest himself, says:*

*Either:* Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.

*Or:* Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

*Or:* Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life, alleluia, alleluia.

*Or:* Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

*The people reply:*

**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

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