

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21** The coming of the Holy Spirit (*GNT, alt*)

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. <sup>4</sup> They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak. <sup>5</sup> There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. <sup>7</sup> In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, “These people who are talking like this are Galileans! <sup>8</sup> How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages? <sup>9</sup> We are from Parthia, Media, and Elam; from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia; from Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> from Phrygia and Pamphylia, from Egypt and the regions of Libya near Cyrene. Some of us are from Rome, <sup>11</sup> both Jews and Gentiles converted to Judaism, and some of us are from Crete and Arabia—yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!” <sup>12</sup> Amazed and confused, they kept asking each other, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others made fun of the believers, saying, “These people are drunk!” <sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, listen to me and let me tell you what this means. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose; it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> Instead, this is what the prophet Joel spoke about: <sup>17</sup> ‘This is what I will do in the last days, God says: I will pour out My Spirit on everyone. Your sons and daughters will proclaim My message; your young men will see visions, and your old men will have dreams. <sup>18</sup> Yes, even on My servants, both men and women, I will pour out My Spirit in those days, and they will proclaim my message. <sup>19</sup> I will perform miracles in the sky above and wonders on the earth below. There will be blood, fire, and thick smoke; <sup>20</sup> the sun will be darkened, and the moon will turn red as blood, before the great and glorious Day of the Lord comes. <sup>21</sup> Then whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

**PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b** (*NIV*)

<sup>24</sup> How many are Your works, LORD! In wisdom You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures. <sup>25</sup> There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number— living things both large and small. <sup>26</sup> There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there. <sup>27</sup> All creatures look to You to give them their food at the proper time. <sup>28</sup> When you give it to them, they gather it up; when You open Your hand, they are satisfied with good things. <sup>29</sup> When you hide Your face, they are terrified; when You take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. <sup>30</sup> When you send Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the ground. <sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in His works— <sup>32</sup> He who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. <sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to Him, as I rejoice in the LORD. <sup>35b</sup> Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17** The Spirit makes us God's children (NLT)

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when He adopted you as His own children. Now we call Him, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> For His Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup> And since we are His children, we are His heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share His glory, we must also share His suffering.

**GOSPEL: John 14:8-17(25-27)** Jesus promises the Holy Spirit (HCSB)

<sup>8</sup> "Lord," said Philip, "show us the Father, and that's enough for us." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been among you all this time without your knowing Me, Philip? The one who 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 speak to you I do not speak on My own. The Father who lives in Me does His works. <sup>11</sup> Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me. Otherwise, believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> "I assure you: The one who believes in Me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in My name, I will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. <sup>15</sup> "If you love Me, you will keep My commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive Him because it doesn't see Him or know Him. But you do know Him, because He remains with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> "In a little while the world will see Me no longer, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live too. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in My Father, you are in Me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> The one who has My commands and keeps them is the one who loves Me. And the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father. I also will love him and will reveal Myself to him." <sup>22</sup> Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it You're going to reveal Yourself to us and not to the world?" <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word. My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. <sup>24</sup> The one who doesn't love Me will not keep My words. The word that you hear is not Mine but is from the Father who sent Me. <sup>25</sup> "I have spoken these things to you while I remain with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit—the Father will send Him in My name—will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you. <sup>27</sup> "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Your heart must not be troubled or fearful.