

## Cover Prayer

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Living God,  
you have created all that is.  
Send forth your Spirit to renew and restore us,  
that we may proclaim your good news  
in ways and words  
that all will understand and believe. Amen.

## Collect, The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

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Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

*New Revised Standard Version* used at all services.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All

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But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, 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: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

OR THIS

Genesis 11:1-9

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A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”

The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it

was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

## The Psalm

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

*St. Helena Psalter* version used at SPC-0800 and CoAS-0900.

Let us read from Psalm 104 responsively by half-verse.

25 O Holy One, how manifold are your works; \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.  
27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.  
28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.  
29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.  
30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.  
31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.  
32 May the glory of God endure for ever; \*  
may the Holy One rejoice in all creation.  
33 God looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
God touches the mountains and they smoke.  
34 I will sing to God as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.  
35 May these words of mine find favor; \*  
I will rejoice in the Holy One.  
37 Bless the Holy One, O my soul. \*  
Alleluia!

## The Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

*New Revised Standard Version* used at SPC-0800, CoAS-0900, and SPC-1115.  
No Second Reading at SPC-0915.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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## The Holy Gospel

John 14:8-17

*Gospel Book (New Revised Standard Version)* used at all services.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Philip said to Jesus, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

“Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Preface of Pentecost

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
In fulfillment of his true promise,  
the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven,  
lighting upon the disciples,  
to teach them and to lead them into all truth;  
uniting peoples of many tongues  
in the confession of one faith,  
and giving to your Church  
the power to serve you as a royal priesthood,  
and to preach the Gospel to all nations.