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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance: Send Us Your Spirit

**Refrain: Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit,
Renew the face of the earth.
Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit,
Renew the face of the earth.**

1. Come to us, Spirit of God,
Breathe in us now, we sing together.
Spirit of hope and of light, fill our lives,
Come to us, Spirit of God.
2. Fill us with the fire of your love,
Burn in us now, bring us together.
Come to us, dwell in us, change our lives, O Lord,
Come to us Spirit of God.

Greeting

Presider: We enter into Liturgy; In the name of God the + Creator, the Son Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit Sanctifier.

All: Amen.

Introduction

Presider: Unity is power. In the face of political, religious, racial, economic, gender and other differences, we are more aware than ever of the quest for unity. Today's readings portray Jesus' followers gathered together, seeking direction. In their unity, they are empowered to love, to forgive, to proclaim and to renew the face of the earth. The world needs what Jesus bestowed upon them and upon us. We pray that the Spirit will help us to use this power for others and for our fractured world.

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Litany for Pentecost:

Presider/deacon/leader1: Holy Spirit, creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

Presider/deacon/leader2: Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspirations the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

Presider/deacon/leader3: Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

Presider: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

Presider/Deacon/leader1: Holy Spirit, Giver of Life, you guide and make holy the church you create; you give gifts -

**All: the spirit of Wisdom and Understanding,
the spirit of Counsel and Fortitude,
the spirit of Knowledge and Piety,
the spirit of Awe and Wonder of God;**

Presider/deacon/leader4: That the whole creation may become what you, want it to be. **All: Come, Holy Spirit!**

Presider: True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift. Send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind. Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom. Loosen our tongues to show your praise, for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace and acclaim Jesus as the true Risen Christ.

All: amen.

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Opening Prayer

Presider: May the grace of Jesus the Risen Christ, the love of God and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon the church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power we pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ.

All: Amen

PENITENTIAL RITE

Call to Confession

Presider: Let us call on the name of the One who invites us to speak the truth about ourselves and our relationships and promises to show us mercy.

All: Loving God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us in the same mind as Jesus, the Christ, who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony.

The Kyrie

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you came among your disciples bestowing peace: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you breathed the Holy Spirit upon them: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you call us to use our gifts for others: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Presider: May our Merciful God absolve you and me, a sinner, and with the authority vested in me through Jesus the Christ, I absolve you from all your sins; in the name of God the Creator +, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

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Gloria

Presider: Let us join in prayer as we proclaim God's glory and say:

All: Glory to God in whom we live and move and have our being; and peace to God's people on earth. O God, heavenly King, wonderful Creator, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Jesus the Christ, only Son of God; O God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of God; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Most High, Jesus the Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Deacon: Holy Spirit, come again. As long ago you inspired, astonished, and confused the people, come to us now to fill our ears with the sound of your breath, fill our eyes with the brilliance of your presence in each other, fill our hearts with your good Word.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost came, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear her or his own language spoken. They were amazed and astonished. "Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! How does it happen that each of us hears their words in our native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome - all Jews, or converts to Judaism - Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God!"

The Word of God. **R/.** Thanks be to God.

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Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34](#)

R. O God, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless God, O my soul!
O God, my God, you are great indeed!
How manifold are your works, O God!
the earth is full of your creatures;

R. O God, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of God endure forever;
may God be glad in all God's works!
Pleasing to God be my theme;
I will be glad forever in God.

R. O God, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

If you take away their breath, they perish
and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

R. O God, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

It is for that reason that I want you to understand that no one can be speaking under the influence of the Holy Spirit and say, "Curse Jesus"; by the same token, no one can say "Jesus Christ reigns supreme" unless under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit. There is a variety of ministries, but the same One we serve. There is a variety of outcomes, but the same God who is working in all of them. To each person is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

The body is one, even though it has many parts; all the parts, many though they are, comprise a single body. And so it is with Christ. It was by one Spirit that all of us, whether Jew or Greek, slave or free, were baptized into one body. All of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit.

The Word of God. **R/.** Thanks be to God.

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Holy Spirit Poem

1. Come, Holy Spirit, come!
And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine.

2. Come, God of the poor!
Come, source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms shine!

3. In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

4. Where you are not, we are naught.
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.

5. Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour your dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

6. Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

7. On the faithful, who adore
and confess you evermore
In your sev'fold gift descend;

8. Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them salvation, we employ;
Give them joys that never end. Amen and Alleluia!

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ALLELUIA!

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful;
and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

ALLELUIA!

Gospel Reading:

John 20: 19-23

Deacon: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Deacon prays silently: *May your words be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart, and may I be worthy to proclaim them.*

All: Glory to you O God!

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Temple authorities. Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Having said this, Jesus showed them the marks of crucifixion. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus, who said to them again, "Peace be with you. As Abba God sent me, so I am sending you."

After saying this, Jesus breathed on them and said,

“Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven.

If you retain anyone's sins, they are retained.”

The Good News of Salvation!

R/. Glory and praise to you Jesus the Risen Christ!

Homily

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The Profession of Faith

All: We believe in God who made us all, and whose Divine Presence and infinite love infuses all of life and creation with the sacred.

We believe that Jesus is the face of God on earth in whom we best see the divine justice, divine mercy, and divine compassion to which we are all called. He celebrated with outcasts and sinners and touched the broken so that they could leap and dance.

We believe that Jesus suffered so that we might realize that the spirit in us can never be killed, whatever price we have to pay for staying true to the mind of God. That Jesus died and was raised on the third day. He changed all of life for all of us thereafter. He ascended into the life of God, the life beyond life, and waits there for us. He lived in those he left behind and lives in each of us as well.

We believe in the Christ who is One with the Creator and who shows us the presence of God in everything that is and calls out the sacred in ourselves. The Christ who calls us beyond the boundaries of ourselves to forgiveness, and to everything that stretches our hearts to the infinite dimensions of God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who gives light to hearts now blind and infuses energy into spirits yet weary, isolated, searching and confused. That this Spirit is ever present and urges us to live joyfully and walk hopefully.

We believe in the Church as a community of the sons and daughters of God, the mystical body of Christ.

We believe that we will live forever in the embrace of God and trust that creation goes on creating in this world and in us forever. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Deacon: Filled with the Holy Spirit, we have confidence to present all our needs before God.

Leader: Our response is...O God, hear our Prayer.

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For the church, that we may be an expression and source of unity for the whole world. Send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth ... We pray.

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

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Leader: For peace among all nations and peoples. Send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth ... We pray.

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For unity within our country and our government. Send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth ... We pray.

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For planet earth, our home. By your Spirit, renew the earth, make us good stewards of its resources, and teach us to enjoy its abundance rightly ... We pray.

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For the courage to resist prejudice toward and fear of those who are different from us. Send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth ... We pray.

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For those who are maligned or discredited because they are different. Send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth ... We pray.

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For our neighbors, close to home and around the world, including any you wish to mention at this time. **(Pause)** We pray.

R: O God, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the growth of St Marguerite Faith Community, that we will be prayerful in witnessing to others Jesus' Gospel message of love and inclusion. We pray.

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For our own parishioners Janet, Laura and Jim as well as all those intentions listed in our parish book of prayers. For all others who are suffering as well as those who care for them; including any you wish to mention at this time....

(Pause)

And for all those recently deceased to rest in the everlasting domain of Christ [including any you wish to mention at this time.... **(Pause)** We pray:

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

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Leader: And for all the prayers that we hold in the quiet of our hearts. (Pause)

We pray:

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Presider: God who makes all things new, we ask you to open our hearts to the power of the Holy Spirit. Make us instruments of love, peace and unity in our homes, our community and the world. Give us the courage to act, especially when we are doubtful or afraid. We pray as one people, united in the name of your son, Jesus.

Amen.

The Sign of Peace

Presider: If you are offering your gift, and remember your sister or brother has something against you, leave your gift there and go; first to be reconciled to your sister or brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Presider: The peace of God be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another with a sign of His peace.

Offertory: Gather Your People

Refrain: Gather your people, O Lord,

Gather your people, O Lord.

One bread, one body, one Spirit of love,

Gather your people, O Lord.

Draw us forth to the table of life; brothers and sisters,
Each of us called to walk in your light.

Repeat refrain.

We are parts of the Body of Christ, needing each other,
Each of the gifts the Spirit provides.

Repeat refrain.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparations

Presider: Blessed are you, God of the universe, through Your goodness we have this bread to offer; which earth has given and human hands have made, let it become the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Presider: By the mystery of this wine and water, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.

Presider: Blessed are you, God of the universe, you are the giver of this wine, fruit of the vine and of human hands. May it become the cup of Love.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Presider: As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside and now reunited on this table in bread and wine, O God, may your whole church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

Presider: Merciful God, we ask You to receive us and be pleased with the gifts we offer You with humble and contrite hearts.

Washing of the Hands

Presider: Creator God, cleanse my heart, and open it to whatever You wish for me.

Presider: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that these gifts may be acceptable to God.

All: May God accept these gifts, for the praise and glory of Your name, for our good and the good of all Your Church.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: O God, be pleased with the gifts we bring to you. Bless + this bread and this wine and make them a sacred offering of thanksgiving for our everlasting life. We ask this through Jesus, the Christ.

All: Amen.

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Eucharistic Prayer (Offertory)

Presider: God dwells in you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Presider: Come to the table with thankful hearts.

All: We open our hearts to God and one another.

Preface

Presider: It is always good that we give you thanks, O God, for you sent your Holy Spirit into our midst, the Spirit of wisdom and might, who brings us into communion with you and one another. And so, with all the people of God in every age, we praise you for the power of the resurrection to set us free from divisions and strife, and with angels and archangels, with earth, water, fire and air, and with all your creatures, we praise you and join in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

All: Holy, holy, holy God! God of wonder and awe; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of Our God. Hosanna in the highest!

Eucharistic Prayer: (Canon) THANKSGIVING

Presider: Blessed are you, O God, by whose word all things came into being, whose power brings the dead to life, whose breath undergirds our prayers, and whose love for rich diversity amazes and astonishes your people. Blessed are you, Christ Jesus, Word made flesh, who came to us as prophet, brother, and savior. We thank you for your life among the multitudes, preaching, teaching, feeding, healing, lifting up the ones who falter and calling the powerful to righteousness.

Institutions

Presider: When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

***Take this all of you, and eat it:
This is my body. Do this in memory of me.***

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Presider: After supper in the same way, he took the cup, filled with wine. He gave you thanks, blessed it and gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

*Take this, all of you, and drink:
This is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It is poured out for you and for all.
Do this in memory of me.*

Acclimation

All: Remembering your gracious acts, we offer our lives to you in service and praise as we keep the feast that Christ prepares: bread of heaven, cup of love, celebration and life.

Presider: Great is the mystery of faith:

All Sing: *Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.*

Epiclesis

Presider: Gracious God, as your Spirit hovered over creation, as your Spirit descended like a dove on Jesus, your beloved Son, may your Spirit hover over us, and descend on these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may they be for us the + body and + blood of Christ.

Commemorations

All: Remember o God, your one holy catholic and apostolic church, rejuvenated by the Spirit and your Son. Reveal its unity, guard its faith and preserve it in peace.

Remember James our Bishop and Christopher our Presiding Bishop and all who minister in your church. Grant that the various ministries we share may be a sign of the unity in diversity that is your kingdom.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith are known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

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Conclusion

All: In addition, grant that we may find our inheritance, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with prophets, apostles and martyrs, St Marguerite and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son, Jesus, the Christ.

Great Amen

All: Through Christ, may all creation unfold.
With Christ, may all creation be one.
In Christ, may all life be healed.
We eat this bread, we drink this cup.
We share as one body of Christ.
We give our thanks!
Amen, amen, amen!

Our Father

Presider: Now let us praise, thank and petition our God, as Jesus the Christ taught us:

All: 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.

Following Prayer

Presider: God of peace, Creator of joy, we celebrate Your son, our brother Jesus. He showed us the Way to follow and opened our eyes to all that is possible. Help us to continue what He started...

Doxology

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: This cup which we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

All: Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

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Lamb of God

**All: Lamb of God, You call us to the Gospel of Peace,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You call us to the Gospel of Love,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You call us to the Gospel of Hope,
grant us peace.**

Presider: May the union of divinity and humanity + in Jesus Christ bring us sanctification and eternal life.

All: Amen.

Communion Prayer

All: Jesus the Christ, Son of the living God, by the will of God and the work of the Holy Spirit, Your death brought life to the world. By Your Holy Body and Blood, free us from every evil. Keep us faithful to Your teaching and never let us be parted from You.

Presider: We will take the Bread of heaven and call upon the name of the Christ.

All: Jesus, you have made us worthy to receive you, by saying the word and healing us.

Presider: The gifts of God are given by Jesus who said: I am the bread of life; feed on Him in faith with thanksgiving.

All: Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion hymn: Taste and See

**Refrain: Taste and see. O taste and see;
taste and see the goodness of God.**

Glory, glory to God most high-- glory, blessing and praise.

With one voice, O people rejoice in our God,
who hears the cry of all in need. O **(refrain)**

Who has fashioned the earth and sky, who created the deep.

Who exalts the lowly and sets captives free,
who opens the door to all those in need. O **(refrain)**

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CONCLUDING RITE
Prayer after Communion

Presider: God works through you.

All: And also through you.

Presider: **(In peace)** Let us pray **(to our wondrous God):**

All: God of Compassion, through your son Jesus the Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Emulating his example of prayer and fasting, may we follow you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love.

Amen.

Announcements

Final Blessings

Deacon: Bow your heads and ask for God's blessing.

Blessing

Bishop James: Blessed be the name of God

All: Now and forever

Bishop James: Our help is in the name of God

All: Who made Heaven and Earth.

Presider: This day the God of light has enlightened the minds of the disciples by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. May God bless you and give you the gifts of the Spirit forever.

All: Amen.

Presider: May the fire, which hovered over the disciples as tongues of flame burn out all evil from your hearts and make them glow with pure light.

All: Amen.

Presider: God inspired speech in different tongues to proclaim one faith. May God strengthen your faith and fulfill your hope to see him face to him face to face.

All: Amen.

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Presider: May Almighty God bless us: + Creator God, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon: This mass is ended, go forth and remember: Jesus did not leave us without hope but sent the Holy Spirit to nurture faith and love in this world. Live this vision in all that you do: respond to rancor with kindness, be patient where there is pain, and let your dreams become reality. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Closing: Send Down the Fire

**Refrain: Send down the fire of your justice,
Send down the rains of your love;
Come, send down the Spirit,
Breathe live in your people,
And we shall be people of God!**

1. Call us to be your compassion,
Teach us the song of your love;
Give us hearts that sing, Give us deeds that ring,
Make us ring with the song of your love.
2. Call us to learn of your mercy.
Teach us the way of your peace;
Give us hearts that feel,
Give us hands that heal,
Make us walk in the way of your peace.