The same Spirit

St. Paul tells the church in Corinth that the Spirit is given to all, but manifests itself in different forms. Some gifts appear in some while in others differing gifts of the Spirit are made known. No gift is better than the other as they all are manifestations of the same Spirit and have the same heavenly source. Where we may run into trouble is when we ignore our gifts of the Spirit and let someone else use their gifts to do all the work of the church.

Since all gifts are needed, it is the church that suffers when some do not acknowledge their God given gifts and step forward to spread the gospel. There is a tendency to celebrate what appear to be more spiritual gifts, teacher, prophet, etc, but the gifts of service are the frame work that build up the faith. One person with their gifts cannot do everything that is needed to build up the church. Your gifts ,each unique as you individually, are given to us to build up this place to what God has planned. Without all of our gifts working together we cannot be what was prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Much is needed to keep the church connected and maintained throughout the week and especially during this time. The exercise of spiritual gifts is needed each week for instance, to call several people and check on their well being, to maintain the building, help prepare the church for Sunday and operative our streaming services. No matter the job being done, if it is done to the glory of God, it is a manifestation of the work of the Spirit in our midst.

Now, more than ever, I call upon you to step outside yourself and ask how your gifts might be used for the betterment of our parish. I have tried to keep things together over the last couple of months but I pray that you will help, make time, pray for strength to assist in the ministry of this church. You have gifts I don't have that are vitally needed and when I find myself using what limited gifts I have do a task beyond my call it is something like trying to drive in a nail with a screwdriver.

St. Chrysostom describes these gifts as rain, falling on all but making the lilies white while the roses become red. Your gifts are needed to add the color to the painting of our life together. May you prayerfully be blessed to do so.

The Feast of Pentecost



"The Spirit is given"

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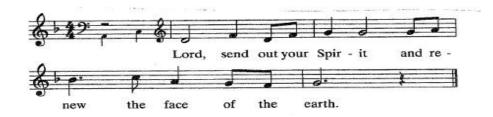
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LBW - Green Hymnal

WOV – Blue Hymnal

MC - Mass of Creation



²⁵O Lord, how manifold are your works!*

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁶Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number,* creatures both small and great.

²⁷There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan,* which you have made for the sport of it.

²⁸All of them look to you*

to give them their food in due season. R

²⁹You give it to them; they gather it;*
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

³⁰You hide your face, and they are terrified;*
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

³¹You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;* and so you renew the face of the earth.

³²May the glory of the LORD endure forever;* may the LORD rejoice in all his works. R

³³He looks at the earth and it trembles;*
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

³⁴I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;*
I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁵May these words of mine please him;* I will rejoice in the LORD.

⁸⁷Bless the LORD, Ó my soul.* Hallelujah! R

NEXT WEEKS READINGS:

The Most Holy Trinity

Exodus 34:4-9, II Corinthians 13:11-13, John 3;16-18

WHEN DO YOU RETURN TO CHURCH?: That is a question many of you are trying to figure out. It is my hope that many of you will return soon and share in the fellowship of the faithful. There is plenty of room to spread out so that you feel safe and several initiatives have been introduced until the virus passes:

- -No greeter, just pick up your bulletin inside the church door
- -We will not pass the basket, but as you to place your offering in the basket when you arrive.
- -The cup of the Eucharist meets the standards set by the CDC. Its pure silver outer cup and gold lining, accompanied by the high alcohol content of the port performs cold sterilization. Use your own judgement and follow your own conscious on this matter.
- -Share the peace by acknowledging each other without handshake or embrace.

LIVE STREAMING: When this crisis is over we will continue to live stream our worship. We are working on attaching the sound system to the camera so that the sound improves and will continue to investigate camera and microphone placement.

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Brief Order Confession

Introductory Rite

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Entrance Hymnvs. 1-3LBW 257
Apostolic Greeting
Dialogue of Pentecost
Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord fills the world.
C Let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God. Alleluia!
• With tongues of fire, the Spirit kindles the Apostles' zeal.
■ They declare in new tongues the wonderful works of God
A Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
• And blessed be his kingdom now and forever.
Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit!
© Fill the hearts of your faithful people with your love. Alleluia!
Hymn of Praisep.8 MC

Prayer of the Day.....p.13 MC

Liturgy of the Word
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Psalter
Second ReadingI Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
Gospel Acclamationp.14 MC
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Concluding Rite

Benediction

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Sending

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 Christ our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen