

VIGIL OF PENTECOST

Extended form

This Vigil Mass may be celebrated on the Saturday evening, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of Pentecost Sunday.

1. In churches where the Vigil Mass is celebrated in an extended form, this may be done as follows.

2. a) If First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) celebrated in choir or in common immediately precede Mass, the celebration may begin either from the introductory verse and the hymn (*Veni, creator Spiritus*) or else from the singing of the Entrance Antiphon with the procession and greeting of the Priest; in either case the Penitential Act is omitted (cf. *General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours*, nos. 94 and 96).

Then the Psalmody prescribed for Vespers follows, up to but not including the Short Reading.

After the Psalmody, omitting the Penitential Act, and if appropriate, the Kyrie (Lord, have mercy), the Priest says the prayer Grant, we pray, almighty God, that the splendor, as at the Vigil Mass.

3. b) If Mass is begun in the usual way, after the Kyrie (Lord, have mercy), the Priest says the prayer Grant, we pray, almighty God, that the splendor, as at the Vigil Mass.

Then the Priest may address the people in these or similar words:

**Dear brethren (brothers and sisters),
we have now begun our Pentecost Vigil,
after the example of the Apostles and disciples,
who with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, persevered in prayer,
awaiting the Spirit promised by the Lord;
like them, let us, too, listen with quiet hearts to the Word of God.
Let us meditate on how many great deeds
God in times past did for his people
and let us pray that the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father sent as the first fruits for those who believe,
may bring to perfection his work in the world.**

4. Then follow the readings proposed as options in the Lectionary. A reader goes to the ambo and proclaims the reading. Afterwards a psalmist or a cantor sings or says the Psalm with the people making the response. Then all rise, the Priest says, Let us pray and, after all have prayed for a while in silence, he says the prayer corresponding to the reading. In place of the Responsorial Psalm a period of sacred silence may be observed, in which case the pause after Let us pray is omitted.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Romans 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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COLLECT

Let us pray.

**Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that the splendor of your glory
may shine forth upon us
and that, by the bright rays of the Holy Spirit,
the light of your light may confirm the hearts
of those born again by your grace.
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.**

R. Amen.

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whom the Father sent as the first fruits for those who believe,
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READING I

Genesis 11:1–9

A reading from the Book of Genesis

It was called Babel because there the Lord confused the speech of all the world.

The whole world spoke the same language, using the same words.
While the people were migrating in the east,
they came upon a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there.
They said to one another,
“Come, let us mold bricks and harden them with fire.”
They used bricks for stone, and bitumen for mortar.

Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city
and a tower with its top in the sky,
and so make a name for ourselves;
otherwise we shall be scattered all over the earth."

The LORD came down to see the city and the tower
that the people had built.

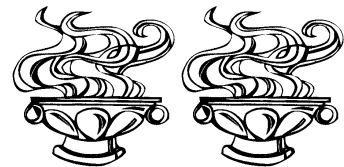
Then the LORD said: "If now, while they are one people,
all speaking the same language,
they have started to do this,
nothing will later stop them from doing whatever they presume to do.

Let us then go down there and confuse their language,
so that one will not understand what another says."

Thus the LORD scattered them from there all over the earth,
and they stopped building the city.

That is why it was called Babel,
because there the LORD confused the speech of all the world.
It was from that place that he scattered them all over the earth.

The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm: Ps 33:10–11, 12–13, 14–15

R. (12) Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The LORD brings to nought the plans of nations;
he foils the designs of peoples.
But the plan of the LORD stands forever;
the design of his heart, through all generations.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.
From heaven the LORD looks down;
he sees all mankind.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

From his fixed throne he beholds
all who dwell on the earth,
He who fashioned the heart of each,
he who knows all their works.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

5. After the first reading (On Babel: Gn 11: 1–9) and the Psalm (33 [32]: 10–11, 12–13, 14–15; R. v. 12b).

Let us pray.

**Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that your Church may always remain that holy people,
formed as one by the unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
which manifests to the world
the Sacrament of your holiness and unity
and leads it to the perfection of your charity.
Through Christ our Lord.**

R. Amen.

READING II

Exodus 19:3–8a, 16–20b

A reading from the Book of Exodus

The Lord came down upon Mount Sinai before all the people.

Moses went up the mountain to God.

Then the LORD called to him and said,

“Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob;
tell the Israelites:

You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians
and how I bore you up on eagle wings
and brought you here to myself.

Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant,
you shall be my special possession,
dearer to me than all other people,
though all the earth is mine.

You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.

That is what you must tell the Israelites.”

So Moses went and summoned the elders of the people.

When he set before them

all that the LORD had ordered him to tell them,
the people all answered together,
“Everything the LORD has said, we will do.”

On the morning of the third day

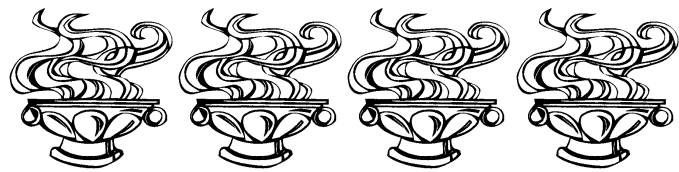
there were peals of thunder and lightning,
and a heavy cloud over the mountain,
and a very loud trumpet blast,
so that all the people in the camp trembled.

But Moses led the people out of the camp to meet God,
and they stationed themselves at the foot of the mountain.

Mount Sinai was all wrapped in smoke,
for the LORD came down upon it in fire.
The smoke rose from it as though from a furnace,
and the whole mountain trembled violently.
The trumpet blast grew louder and louder, while Moses was speaking,
and God answering him with thunder.

When the LORD came down to the top of Mount Sinai,
he summoned Moses to the top of the mountain.

The word of the Lord



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (52b) Glory and praise for ever!

All: R. Glory and praise for ever!

Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever;
And blessed is your holy and glorious name,
praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,
praiseworthy and glorious above all forever.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you who look into the depths
from your throne upon the cherubim,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Or:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

R. (John 6:68c) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the command of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true,
all of them just.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more precious than gold,
than a heap of purest gold;
sweeter also than syrup
or honey from the comb.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

6. After the second reading (On God's Descent on Mount Sinai: Ex 19: 3–8, 16–20b) and the canticle (Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56; R. v. 52b) or the Psalm (19 [18]: 8, 9, 10, 11; R. Jn 6: 68c).

Let us pray.

**O God, who in fire and lightning
gave the ancient Law to Moses on Mount Sinai
and on this day manifested the new covenant
in the fire of the Spirit,
grant, we pray,
that we may always be aflame with that same Spirit
whom you wondrously poured out on your Apostles,
and that the new Israel,**

**gathered from every people,
may receive with rejoicing
the eternal commandment of your love.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.**

READING III

Ezekiel 37:1-14

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

Dry bones of Israel, I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.

The hand of the LORD came upon me,
and he led me out in the spirit of the LORD
and set me in the center of the plain,
which was now filled with bones.
He made me walk among the bones in every direction
so that I saw how many they were on the surface of the plain.
How dry they were!
He asked me:
 Son of man, can these bones come to life?
I answered, "Lord GOD, you alone know that."
Then he said to me:
 Prophesy over these bones, and say to them:
 Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!
Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones:
 See! I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.
I will put sinews upon you, make flesh grow over you,
 cover you with skin, and put spirit in you
 so that you may come to life and know that I am the LORD.
I, Ezekiel, prophesied as I had been told,
 and even as I was prophesying I heard a noise;
 it was a rattling as the bones came together, bone joining bone.
I saw the sinews and the flesh come upon them,
 and the skin cover them, but there was no spirit in them.
Then the LORD said to me:
 Prophesy to the spirit, prophesy, son of man,
 and say to the spirit: Thus says the Lord GOD:
 From the four winds come, O spirit,
 and breathe into these slain that they may come to life.
I prophesied as he told me, and the spirit came into them;
 they came alive and stood upright, a vast army.
Then he said to me:
 Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel.
They have been saying,
 "Our bones are dried up,
 our hope is lost, and we are cut off."

Therefore, prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD:

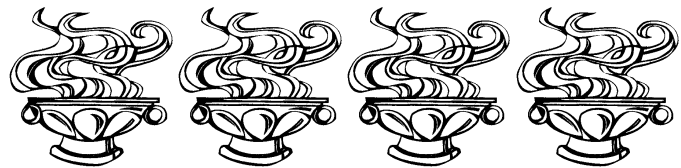
O my people, I will open your graves
and have you rise from them,
and bring you back to the land of Israel.

Then you shall know that I am the LORD,
when I open your graves and have you rise from them,
O my people!

I will put my spirit in you that you may live,
and I will settle you upon your land;
thus you shall know that I am the LORD.

I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm: Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. (1) Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say,
those whom he has redeemed from the hand of the foe
And gathered from the lands,
from the east and the west, from the north and the south.

R. Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.

They went astray in the desert wilderness;
the way to an inhabited city they did not find.
Hungry and thirsty,
their life was wasting away within them.

R. Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.

They cried to the LORD in their distress;
from their straits he rescued them.
And he led them by a direct way
to reach an inhabited city.

R. Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy
and his wondrous deeds to the children of men,
Because he satisfied the longing soul
and filled the hungry soul with good things.

R. Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.

7. After the third reading (On the dry bones and God's spirit: Ez 37: 1–14) and the Psalm (107 [106]: 2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; R. v. 1 or Alleluia).

Let us pray.

Lord, God of power,
who restore what has fallen
and preserve what you have restored,
increase, we pray, the peoples
to be renewed by the sanctification of your name,
that all who are washed clean by holy Baptism
may always be directed by your prompting.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Or:

O God, who have brought us to rebirth by the word of life,
pour out upon us your Holy Spirit,
that, walking in oneness of faith,
we may attain in our flesh
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Or:

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

READING IV

Joel 3:1–5

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Joel

I will pour out my spirit upon the servants and handmaids.

Thus says the LORD:

I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh.

Your sons and daughters shall prophesy,

your old men shall dream dreams,

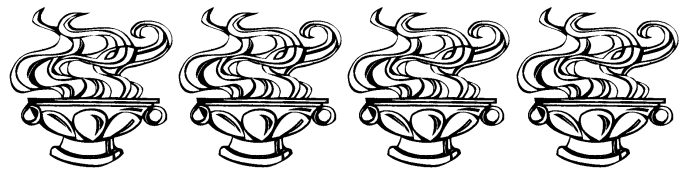
your young men shall see visions;

even upon the servants and the handmaids,

in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

And I will work wonders in the heavens and on the earth,
blood, fire, and columns of smoke;
the sun will be turned to darkness,
and the moon to blood,
at the coming of the day of the LORD,
the great and terrible day.
Then everyone shall be rescued
who calls on the name of the LORD;
for on Mount Zion there shall be a remnant,
as the LORD has said,
and in Jerusalem survivors
whom the LORD shall call.

The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 104:1–2, 24, 35, 27–28, 29, 30

***R.* (cf. 30) Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

***Or: R.* Alleluia.**

***All: R.* Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. *Or: R.* Alleluia.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!

You are clothed with majesty and glory,
robed in light as with a cloak.

***All: R.* Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. *Or: R.* Alleluia.**

How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have wrought them all—

the earth is full of your creatures;

bless the LORD, O my soul! Alleluia.

***All: R.* Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. *Or: R.* Alleluia.**

Creatures all look to you

to give them food in due time.

When you give it to them, they gather it;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

***All: R.* Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. *Or: R.* Alleluia.**

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.

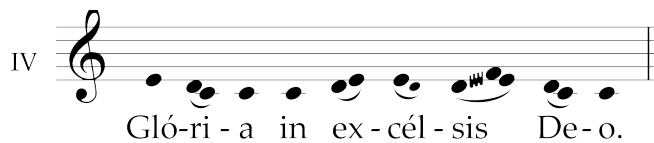
***All: R.* Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. *Or: R.* Alleluia.**

8. After the fourth reading (On the outpouring of the Spirit: Joel 3: 1–5) and the Psalm (104 [103]: 1–2a, 24, 35c, 27–28, 29bc–30; R. v. 30 or Alleluia).

Let us pray.

Fulfill for us your gracious promise,
O Lord, we pray, so that by his coming
the Holy Spirit may make us witnesses before the world
to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

9. Then the Priest intones the hymn Gloria in excelsis Deo (Glory to God in the highest).



10. When the hymn is concluded, the Priest says the Collect in the usual way: Almighty ever-living God, who willed, as here below.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
who willed the Paschal Mystery
to be encompassed as a sign in fifty days,
grant that from out of the scattered nations
the confusion of many tongues
may be gathered by heavenly grace
into one great confession of your name.
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.
R. Amen.

11. Then the reader proclaims the reading from the Apostle (Rom 8: 22–27), and Mass continues in the usual way.

READING V

(Romans 8:22–27)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans
The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now;
and not only that, but we ourselves,

who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,
we also groan within ourselves
as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.
For in hope we were saved.
Now hope that sees is not hope.
For who hopes for what one sees?
But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.

In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.
And the one who searches hearts
knows what is the intention of the Spirit,
because he intercedes for the holy ones
according to God's will.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

(John 7:37–39)

ALLELUIA

℣. Alleluia, alleluia. ℟. Alleluia, alleluia.

℣. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love. ℟. Alleluia, alleluia.

℣. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

℟. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Rivers of living water will flow.

On the last and greatest day of the feast,
Jesus stood up and exclaimed,
"Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.

As Scripture says:

Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me."

He said this in reference to the Spirit
that those who came to believe in him were to receive.
There was, of course, no Spirit yet,
because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

The gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

The priest says:

**Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,**

the almighty Father.

The people rise and 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.

**Pour out upon these gifts the blessing of your Spirit,
we pray, O Lord,
so that through them your Church may be imbued with such love
that the truth of your saving mystery
may shine forth for the whole world.
Through Christ our Lord.**

R. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (John 7:37)

On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out:
If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink, alleluia.

**12. If Vespers (Evening Prayer) are joined to Mass, after Communion with the
Communion Antiphon (On the last day), the Magnificat is sung, with its Vespers
antiphon (Veni, Sancte Spiritus); then the Prayer after Communion is said and the rest
follows as usual.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**May these gifts we have consumed
benefit us, O Lord,
that we may always be aflame with the same Spirit,
whom you wondrously poured out on your Apostles.
Through Christ our Lord.**

R. Amen.

13. It is appropriate that the formula of Solemn Blessing be used, p. 678.

**May God, the Father of lights,
who was pleased to enlighten the disciples' minds
by the outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete,
grant you gladness by his blessing
and make you always abound with the gifts of the same Spirit.**

R. Amen.

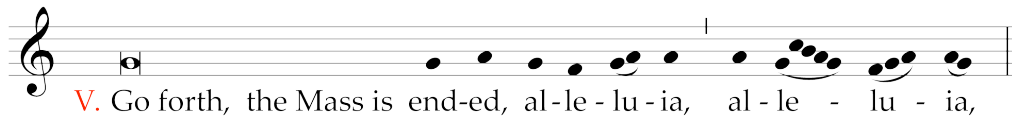
**May the wondrous flame that appeared above the disciples,
powerfully cleanse your hearts from every evil
and pervade them with its purifying light.**

R. Amen.

**And may God, who has been pleased to unite many tongues
in the profession of one faith,
give you perseverance in that same faith
and, by believing, may you journey from hope to clear vision.**

R. Amen.

To dismiss the people the Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, the Priest himself sings or says:



V. Go forth, the Mass is end-ed, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Or:



V. Go in peace, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



R. Thanks be to God, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,