

## **PENTECOST**

### **At the Vigil Mass**

#### **SIMPLE FORM (YR A,B,C)**

#### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of Exodus (19:3-8,16-20)

Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation." Those are the words you are to speak to the sons of Israel.' So Moses went and summoned the elders of the people, putting before them all that the Lord had bidden him. Then all the people answered as one, 'All that the Lord has said, we will do.'

Now at daybreak on the third day there were peals of thunder on the mountain and lightning flashes, a dense cloud, and a loud trumpet blast and inside the camp all the people trembled. Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet God; and they stood at the bottom of the mountain. The mountain of Sinai was entirely wrapped in smoke, because the Lord had descended on it in the form of fire. Like smoke from a furnace the smoke went up, and the whole mountain shook violently. Louder and louder grew the sound of the trumpet. Moses spoke, and God answered him with peals of thunder. The Lord came down on the mountain of Sinai, on the mountain top, and the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain.

#### **The word of the Lord**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 103:1-2,24,27-30,35.  
R. Cf. v.30)**

**R. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,  
and renew the face of the earth.**

**Or: Alleluia!**

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and glory,

wrapped in light as in a robe! **R.**

How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches.  
Bless the Lord, my soul. **R.**

All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up:  
you open your hand, they have their fill. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

#### **SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
(8.22-27)

From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free. For we must be content to hope that we shall be saved – our salvation is not in sight, we should not have to be hoping for it if it were – but, as I say, we must hope to be saved since we are not saved yet – it is something we must wait for with patience.

The Spirit too comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

#### **The word of the Lord.**

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**R. Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
(7:37-39)

On the last day and greatest day of the festival, Jesus  
stood there and cried out:

‘If any man is thirsty, let him come to me!  
Let the man come and drink who believes in me!’

As scripture says: From his breast shall flow  
fountains of living water.

He was speaking of the Spirit which those who  
believed in him were to receive; for there was no  
Spirit as yet because Jesus had not yet been  
glorified.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**