

May 31 Pentecost  
Acts 2:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled,  
they were all in one place together.  
And suddenly there came from the sky  
a noise like a strong driving wind,  
and it filled the entire house in which they were.  
Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,  
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.  
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in different tongues,  
as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

I don't think the Apostles were talking Aramaic  
and by some miraculous automatic "translation"  
everyone "heard their own language!"  
Or that at once Each Apostle from Galilee  
started speaking Parthi with Persians, or  
and Latin!—without struggling to learn it!

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Never expect a MIRACLE if there is another

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Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem.

At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd,  
but they were confused  
because each one heard them speaking in his own language.  
They were astounded, and in amazement they asked,  
"Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans?  
Then how does each of us hear them in his native language?  
We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites,  
inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,  
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,  
Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene,  
as well as travelers from Rome,  
both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs,  
yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues  
of the mighty acts of God."

What this means is:

The quick spread of the Church  
through the whole world (they knew)  
was so swift that it was amazing!  
—not anything the Apostles did.

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It undid the confusion caused by PRIDE  
at the Tower of BABEL.

So this is the STORY  
of the UN-doing of BABEL,  
of UNITING all men as they once were.  
HOW? The Same Creating BREATH  
that moved over the waters in Genesis.

PSALM 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

{I highlight the poetry to help you see  
the parallelism of the Hebrew }

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. or Alleluia.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!

How manifold are **your works**, O Lord!

the earth is full of **your creatures**;

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. or Alleluia.

May the **glory** of the LORD endure forever;

may the LORD be **glad** in his works!

**Pleasing** to him be my theme;

**I will be glad** in the LORD.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. or 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. **RE-new = made new + (re) AGAIN**

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1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

*Do you see how Paul's message is the same idea as ACTS, today's 1<sup>st</sup> READING?*

Brothers and sisters:

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," \*except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;  
there are different forms of service but the same Lord;  
there are different workings but the same God  
who produces all of them in everyone.

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit  
is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts,  
and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body,  
so also Christ.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,  
whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons,  
and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

We get the grace, a GIFT, from the  
Holy Spirit to make our act of Faith.  
but the "gift" is different  
for each person—yet  
all for the body of XT, the CHURCH.

We all are equal—We ALL have the  
SAME GRACE and SPIRIT.  
A revolutionary idea!

But society is still wrestling  
with how to make it BE.  
That remains OUR job!

Sequence Veni, Sancte Spiritus

[English translation of Latin]

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

And from your celestial home

Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor!

Come, source of all our store!

Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, of comforters the best;

You, the soul's most welcome guest;

Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet;

Grateful coolness in the heat;

Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,

Shine within these hearts of yours,

And our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught,

Nothing good in deed or thought,

Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;

On our dryness pour your dew;

Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;

Melt the frozen, warm the chill;

Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore

And confess you, evermore

In your sevenfold gift descend;

Give them virtue's sure reward;

Give them your salvation, Lord;

Give them joys that never end. Amen.

Alleluia.

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R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

\* **start a fire**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel of John

20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week,  
when the doors were locked, where the disciples were,  
for fear of the Jews,

Jesus came and stood in their midst  
and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.  
The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Fear is replaced with the Peace of GOD.

As the **Father** sent the **Son**,  
now the Son **BREATHES** on them  
sending the **Spirit** of the Trinity.

The APOSTLES filled with the Holy Spirit,  
—like XT did, and the Father did—  
will forgive sins  
and continue to RE-NEW  
the FACE of the EARTH.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the **\*Father** has sent me, so **\*I** send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the **\*Holy Spirit**.

**Father + I + Holy Spirit = TRINITY**

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,  
and whose sins you retain are retained."

Catholics explain The Trinity: From the Father AND the Son in the Holy Spirit.

Orthodox using a more biblical way of looking at it: From the Father THROUGH the Son. . .

I think human PRIDE makes more of the difference than is needed.