



**Pentecost Sunday**  
**June 8, 2014**

## **Introductory Rites**

### **Greeting**

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** *Amen.*

**P:** May the Father who creates, the Son who redeems and the Holy Spirit who sanctifies and strengthens be always with you.

**C:** *And with your spirit.*

# **Sunday Liturgy Guide for the Church of the Poor in the Spirit of the New Evangelization**

**The Church of the Poor, through the Basic Ecclesial Communities, filled with the Spirit, gives witness to the Spirit in the poor when she proclaims the Gospel through a dialogue of life with all nations, all peoples, all creeds and philosophies, all cultures!**

With joyful hearts, we gratefully celebrate today the Pentecost Sunday: the descent of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the Church. With Mary, the apostles and disciples, let us meditate on “God’s wonderful deeds and pray that the works of the Holy Spirit may be made more manifest in the world” (**Ordo** 2014, for the Diocese of the Philippines). As we do so, let us also reflect on the time of the Church. PCP-II says:

### **“5. The In-between-time: The Time of the Church**

(44) We live now in the in-between-time of the Kingdom that has come and the Kingdom in its fullness. It is a time of mission for the disciples of the Lord.

(45) During his public life, Jesus called to himself disciples to follow him and to share his life. He hurled a challenge at them: ‘Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.’ They were to follow not only his teachings but himself. They were to be ready to share his life and his destiny.

(46) He formed them into a group, the

innermost circle of which was called the Twelve. To them he revealed the mysteries of the Kingdom of God. He taught them that the secret of greatness in the Kingdom was childlike trust in God and humble service. He sent them out on a mission to the villages and towns of Israel.

(47) He gathered them around him at supper on the night he was betrayed, handed to them his own body and blood as the seal of the new covenant, and gave them the command to love one another as he loved them. Scattered during his passion and death, they regrouped after he rose from the dead. He entrusted them with a definitive mission as his own representatives, to make disciples of all the nations whom they were to teach to obey his commands. He sent the Holy Spirit upon the disciples on Pentecost. Invested with power from on high through the descent of the Holy Spirit, with supreme courage and holy zeal they went to proclaim the Good News, the love of Jesus who died and rose that all might have life.”

Our BEC shares and participates in the life and mission of the Church. Our life today in the Church, in the BEC, is a life of the in-between-time: between the beginning of the Kingdom and its coming fullness and completion. To ground this life and mission of ours today more concretely, it would be good to reflect together the paragraphs above, slowly and truthfully. ■

## **Introduction and Welcome**

P: Dear brothers and sisters: let us continue to celebrate our life with joy and thanksgiving as Church, as a community of God's people. The Holy Spirit draws us together as a new creation and leads us more intimately into the mystery of God and his Kingdom. With Mary, the apostles and disciples, let us meditate on "God's wonderful deeds and pray that the works of the Holy Spirit may be made more manifest in the world" in our time.

## **Penitential Act**

P: Brothers and sisters, let us now ask God to forgive us our sins, so that we can become worthy to celebrate these great mysteries.

P: I confess...

*C: to almighty God....to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen.*

P: Lord, have mercy.

*C: Lord, have mercy.*

P: Christ, have mercy.

*C: Christ, have mercy.*

P: Lord, have mercy.

*C: Lord, have mercy.*

P: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

*C: Amen.*

## **Gloria**

Glory to God in the Highest!

And on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **Collect**

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

*C: Amen.*

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading: Acts 2:1-11**

L: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

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.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

### **Commentary on Acts Acts 2:1-11:**

These are the first two scenes in the four scenes of Luke’s account of the event of the descent of the Holy Spirit. The first scene is the descent of the Holy Spirit and its impact on the community of disciples; the second is its impact on the multitudes gathered to hear the apostles speak to them in their own tongues; the third is the long testimony of Peter that resulted in the baptism of some three thousand people; and the fourth is the transformation in the lifestyle of the early Christian community: their communal life.

With the allusion to the Pentecost, Luke situates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the day reminiscent of the Covenant of God with the Jewish people at Mount Sinai – in the Jewish memory, the day that was the culmination of a seven-week celebration after the Passover. He also created for us an audio-visual presentation using Old Testament imagery to describe the mystery: the wind/spirit came with such drive and sound that filled the whole house and then came the tongues of fire resting on each of them. The message: the descent of the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era of the Covenant between God and all peoples of the earth. The next scene brings the apostles outside, in a

culturally mixed crowd, who heard them speak to them each in his own tongue. The message: the gospel is open to and must be preached openly to all nations, all peoples, all cultures.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34**

**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! 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 R: 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 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.

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

### **Commentary on Ps 104:**

This is a hymn to the Creator: all the things he has created are beautiful. All of them belongs to the Lord. The Lord is the author of life. His spirit creates and renews all of creation.

### **Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13**

L: A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

### **Commentary on 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13:**

Paul contrasts the gifts of the Spirit to the Christian community as the “Body of Christ” to the gifts of the spirit which the Corinthian community possessed: the spirit of rivalry, jealousy and division. In the Christian community – the Body of Christ – there is no room for rivalry, jealousy and division though these have influenced the Christians in their enthusiastic and inspired roles, functions and differing tasks in the community. Paul wants to put a stop to the arrogant leadership that tends to silence and discriminate the poor. Because the poor themselves are gifted by the Spirit, therefore, in all equality they also must be heard and called on to participate in the workings of the different functions of the community. They should all see themselves, thus, as part of the whole: the living Body of Christ, enabled and empowered to do their roles, functions and tasks by the same Holy Spirit.

### **Sequence – Veni, Sancte Spiritus**

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.

### **Alleluia Verse:**

**R: Alleluia, alleluia!** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**R: Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Gospel: John 20:19-23**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And with your spirit.*

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

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise be to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Commentary on John 20:19-23**

This is one of the four post-resurrection apparitions of Jesus in the Gospel of John. Here he establishes first the temporal coordinate, “evening of the first day of the week”, and the spatial coordinate, “the doors were locked where the disciples were”. After this, he goes into the human psychological coordinate: “for fear of the Jews”. Hence we have here a three-dimensional scene. On the level of the three-dimensional reality, the conversation between Jesus and the disciples takes place. By showing the wounds in his hands and his side, Jesus revealed his human identity as the one who suffered and died. This brings joy to the disciples. But with the greeting of peace from the risen Lord and the allusion to the Father and the gift of the Holy Spirit, a fourth dimension is added: the participation of heaven in the mission of forgiveness among human beings on earth. With the gift of the Holy Spirit to the world, the whole of creation now is penetrated with the presence of the resurrected Jesus. There is absolutely no one and nothing anymore that can be considered closed and not open to the piercing presence of the Spirit. In this sense, the descent of the Holy Spirit has made all things new and, by faith, has made us a new creation that share in the divinity of the Son. It is for this reason that faith in the Risen Jesus and in what he stands for is possible through the witness of the believers, the Church and the written word, the Gospel, God’s Word!

**Homily: The Church of the Poor, through the Basic Ecclesial Communities, filled with the Spirit, gives witness to the Spirit in the poor when she proclaims the Gospel through dialogue of life with all nations, all peoples, all creeds and philosophies, all cultures!**

Summary of the Sunday Reading Message	Concrete description of the poor people and their situation	Reflection/ Points for reflection/ Call/ Challenge
<p>The Church of the Poor, through the Basic Ecclesial Communities, filled with the Spirit, gives witness to the Spirit in the poor when she proclaims the Gospel through dialogue of life with all nations, all peoples, all creeds and philosophies, all cultures!</p>	<p>As BEC, what experiences did you have where you believe that the Holy Spirit was present, alive and working? Does your BEC exclude women, the gay, the lesbian, the trans-genders, the colored, the differently-abled, the Left, other faiths, the unbelievers and the poor in the exercise of the different BEC ministries and services?</p>	<p>With the descent of the Holy Spirit that penetrates all of creation, a new creation with a new way of life has begun. It is a new creation and new life of love, of freedom, of sharing all things in common as a way of taking good care of each other as brothers and sisters.</p>

## **Profession of Faith**

A: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayers of the Faithful:**

P: Dear sisters and brothers, let us now humbly ask our Father for the graces we need to be able to see the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst, and to discern his movement and call. For every prayer let our response be: Lord, pierce us with your Spirit.

**R: *Lord, pierce us with your Spirit.***

L: Let us pray for the Church: that being a Church of the Poor spread all over the world, she may continue to

meditate with Mary, the apostles and disciples and proclaim “God’s wonderful deeds and pray that the works of the Holy Spirit may be made more manifest in the world” in our time. Let us pray to the Lord.

**R: *Lord, pierce us with your Spirit.***

L: For our Holy Father, Pope Francis I, for the bishops, priests, deacons, for those in consecrated life and for all those who are entrusted with the care and administration of the church as People of God: that they may continue to proclaim the Gospel through dialogue of life within the Christian community, with peoples of other faiths, ideologies and cultures because the Spirit of God has penetrated us all in various and different ways. Let us pray to the Lord.

**R: *Lord, pierce us with your Spirit.***

L: For world leaders and all those entrusted with governance and administration of the goods of the earth: that they may promote and advocate the values of solidarity, and not rivalry; of preference for others’ welfare and not jealousy; of a new international unity in diversity and not narrow nationalism, misguided patriotism and prejudiced division. Let us pray to the Lord.

**R: *Lord, pierce us with your Spirit.***

L: For all of us, inhabitants of the earth and citizens of heaven: that we may inspire and help one another discover and develop the gifts of the Spirit such as the gift of being an apostle, or the gift of prophecy, or of teaching, or of leadership and healing, and other such gifts for the edification of the community, the Body of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

**R: *Lord, pierce us with your Spirit.***

L: For our beloved dead: that in the forgiveness of their sins, they may find eternal rest in the heart of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

**R: *Lord, pierce us with your Spirit.***

L: For our special intentions, in the silence of our hearts. (*pause*)... Let us

pray to the Lord.

**R: Lord, pierce us with your Spirit.**

P: Lord, these are the prayers we present to you today. We ask you to help us discern the presence, movement and call of the Spirit in our midst in our time. Make us willing instruments of your love and care for one another and for all of creation. We ask this through same Christ our Lord.

R: *Amen.*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

P: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, ....

C: *Blessed be God forever.*

P: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

C: *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.*

### Prayer over the Offerings

P: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

C: *Amen.*

### Prayer of the Eucharist

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And with your spirit.*

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: *It is right and just.*

P: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord,

holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For, bringing your Pascal Mystery to completion, you bestowed the Holy Spirit today on those you made your adopted children by uniting them to your Only Begotten Son. This same Spirit, as the Church came to birth, opened to all peoples the knowledge of God and brought together the many languages of the earth in profession of the one faith.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

A: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

### Acclamation

P: The mystery of faith.

**We proclaim you Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

*(Concluding the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest says:)*

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

C: *Amen.*

### Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

### Doxology

C: *For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.*

## Sign of Peace

P: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles; Peace ... Who live and reign for ever and ever.

C: *Amen.*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *And with your spirit.*

P: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

## Breaking of the Bread

A: *Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world ... grant us peace.*

## Communion

P: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

A: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

## Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray: O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gifts of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.  
C: *Amen.*

## Final Blessing

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And with your spirit.*

P: Bow down for the blessing: 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. Through Christ our Lord.  
C: *Amen.*

P: May the wondrous flame that

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

C: *Amen.*

P: 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.

C: *Amen.*

P: And may the blessings of almighty God, + the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you forever.

C: *Amen.*

## Dismissal

P: Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

C: *Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia. ■*

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