

Catholic Bible Institute – June 3, 2017
Opening Prayer – Martha Group



Call to Prayer

Ÿ: O God, come to our assistance.

Ŕ: Lord, make haste to help us.

Opening Song: *Veni Sancte Spiritus* (vv. 1-2)

First Reading: Acts 2:1-4

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.

Responsorial: Psalm 104: 1a, 24, 30, 31, 34

Response: Lord, Send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth

Women: Bless the LORD, my soul! LORD, my God, you are great indeed! **Ŕ**

Men: How varied are your works, LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. **Ŕ**

Women: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works! **Ŕ**

Men: May my meditation be pleasing to him; I will rejoice in the LORD. **Ŕ**

Intentions

Ÿ: Let us now unite in prayer, as the disciples did on the first Pentecost, and open ourselves to receive the very same Holy Spirit. That the Church, in the power of the Spirit, may make the Gospel understandable to people of every race, language, and culture, we pray to the Lord... **Ŕ:** Come Holy Spirit

Ÿ: That the Holy Spirit of Peace may unite and reconcile the peoples and nations of the earth, bringing an end to war, hatred, and discrimination, we pray to the Lord... **Ŕ**

Ÿ: That the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life, may renew the face of the earth and make it a place where the poor are fed, the strangers are welcomed, and the unborn are brought safely to birth, we pray to the Lord... **Ŕ**

Ÿ: That each baptized Christian may develop more fully his or her response to all the gifts which the Spirit bestows for the service of the Body of Christ, we pray to the Lord... **Ŕ**

Ÿ: That the Holy Spirit, who purifies us of sin and raises the dead, may bring all our departed loved ones into the fullness of God's presence, we pray to the Lord... **Ŕ**

Second Reading: *De Spiritu Sancto*, par. 23

Ÿ: A reading from *On the Holy Spirit* by St. Basil the Great.

Shining upon those that are cleansed from every spot, the Spirit makes them spiritual by fellowship with Himself. Just as when a sunbeam falls on bright and transparent bodies, they themselves become brilliant too, and shed forth a fresh brightness from themselves, so souls wherein the Spirit dwells, illuminated by the Spirit, themselves become spiritual, and send forth their grace to others. Hence comes foreknowledge of the future, understanding of mysteries, apprehension of what is hidden, distribution of good gifts, the heavenly citizenship, a place in the chorus of angels, joy without end, abiding in God, the being made like to God, and, highest of all, the being made God. Such, then, to instance a few out of many, are the conceptions concerning the Holy Spirit, which we have been taught to hold concerning His greatness, His dignity, and His operations, by the oracles of the Spirit themselves.

Ÿ: The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete!

Ŕ: He will teach you all things, Alleluia.

Closing Prayer

All: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and enkindle in us the fire of your love.

Ÿ: Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be created.

Ŕ: And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Ÿ: Let us pray. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of your faithful people, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. **Ŕ:** Amen.

Closing Song: *Veni Sancte Spiritus* (vv. 5-6)

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Closing Prayer – Mary of Bethany Group



Call to Prayer (from *A Year of Mercy with Pope Francis*)

Leader: He is a patient seeker, our Father! He goes before us, and he waits for us always. He never tires of waiting for us, he is never far from us, but he has the patience to wait for the best moment to meet each one of us. And when the encounter happens, it is never rushed, because God wants to remain at length with us to sustain us, to console us, to give us his joy. God hastens to meet us, but he never rushes to leave us.

All: Amen.

Responsorial (from the *Psalms of Solomon, 42-46*; edited by George Lyons)

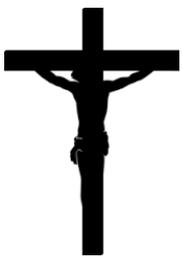
Women: Relying upon his God, throughout his days he will not stumble.
For God will make him mighty by means of his holy spirit,
And wise by means of the spirit of understanding, with strength and righteousness.

Men: The blessing of the Lord will be with him: he will be strong and stumble not;
His hope will be in the Lord: who then can prevail against him?

Women: He will be mighty in his works, and strong in the fear of God;
He will shepherd the flock of the Lord faithfully and righteously,
And will suffer none among them to stumble in their pasture.

Men: He will lead them all aright, and there will be no pride among them
that any among them should be oppressed.

Concluding Prayer (from the *Acts of Peter*)



Leader: Let not the cross be to you who hope in Christ, this which appears: for it is another thing, different from that which appears, even this passion which is according to that of Christ. And now above all, because you who can hear are able to hear it of me, who am at the last and final hour of my life, hearken: Separate your souls from everything that is of the senses, from everything that appears, and does not exist in truth. Blind these eyes of yours, close these ears of yours, put away your doings that are seen; and you shall perceive what concerns Christ, and the whole mystery of your salvation: and let this much be said to you who hear, as if it had not been spoken.

All: Amen.

Final Blessing

Closing Song: *Send Us Your Spirit* (song sheet on the front screen)