

Early Church: Listen for words of wonder from the book of
Acts 2:1-9, 44

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.

Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. They were amazed and astonished: "Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome.

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Those who believed lived together, shared all things in common.

For the Word that was in the beginning,
for the Word that invites and inspires,
for the Word embodied in us.

We give thanks.

Gospel: Listen for words from the Gospel of John 14:8-17

“Rabbi,” Philip said, “show us God, and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and still you don’t know me?

Whoever has seen me has seen God.

How can you say, ‘Show us your God’?

Don’t you believe that I am in God

and God is in me?

The words I speak are not spoken of myself;

it is God, living in me,

who is accomplishing the works of God.

Believe me that I am in God and God is in me,

or else believe because of the works I do.

The truth of the matter is,

anyone who has faith in me

will do the works I do—

and greater works besides.

Why? Because I go to God,
and whatever you ask in my name I will do,
so that God may be glorified in me.

Anything you ask in my name
I will do.

If you love me
and obey the command I give you,

I will ask the One who sent me
to give you another Paraclete, another Helper
to be with you always—
the Spirit of truth,
whom the world cannot accept
since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her;
but you can recognize the Spirit
because she remains with you
and will be within you.

For the promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit

We give thanks.