

PENTECOST SUNDAY READING:
Acts 2:1-21

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Readers: Narrator; Peter; and several people to be members of the Crowd.

Narrator:

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each and every one heard their own native language being spoken.

Amazed and astonished, they asked,

Crowd:

"Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs -- in our own languages we hear them declaring the wonderful works of God."

Narrator:

All were amazed and perplexed. And they asked one another,

Crowd:

"What does this mean?"

Narrator:

But others mocked them and said,

Crowd:

"They are filled with new wine."

Narrator:

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

Peter:

"Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'It shall be in the last days, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my servants, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

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