

First Reading: Acts: 2:2-8, 11b

This is a reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost,
The believers were gathered together in one room.
All of a sudden they heard a sound like a strong wind
that seemed to fill the whole house.
They saw what looked like tongues of fire
coming and resting on each one of them.
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit,
and immediately they started to speak
in other languages.

At that time, there were visitors in Jerusalem
Who had come from all over the world.
They were amazed because they heard the believers
Speaking in so many languages.

They said,
“How are they able to speak like this?
Aren’t all of these people from Galilea?
Yet we can all hear them telling in our own languages
About the great things God has done.”

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

This is a reading from the Gospel of John.

In the evening, the disciples were gathered in the room.
They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people
who had crucified Jesus.
Jesus came and stood in the room and said,
“Peace be with you!”
Then he showed them his hands and his side.
The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord.
Jesus said again,
“Peace be with you!”

Then he breathed on the disciples and said to them,
“I give you the Holy Spirit.
If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven.
If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.