

First Scripture Reading

## Acts 2:1-21

from the Common English Bible

<sup>1</sup>When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak. <sup>5</sup>There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. <sup>7</sup>They were surprised and amazed, saying, “Look, aren’t all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? <sup>8</sup>How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs - we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!” <sup>12</sup>They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>Others jeered at them, saying, “They’re full of new wine!” <sup>14</sup>Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, “Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! <sup>15</sup>These people aren’t drunk, as you suspect; after all, it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! <sup>16</sup>Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>*In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young will see*

*visions. Your elders will dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my servants, men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. <sup>19</sup>I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a cloud of smoke. <sup>20</sup>The sun will be changed into darkness, and the moon will be changed into blood, before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes. <sup>21</sup>And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Reading  
**John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**  
from the Common English Bible

<sup>26</sup>“When the Companion comes, whom I will send from the Father - the Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father - he will testify about me. <sup>27</sup>You will testify too, because you have been with me from the beginning. <sup>4b</sup>I have said these things to you so that when their time comes, you will remember that I told you about them. “I didn’t say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I go away to the one who sent me. None of you ask me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>Yet because I have said these things to you, you are filled with sorrow. <sup>7</sup>I assure you that it is better for you that I go away. If I don’t go away, the Companion won’t come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>When he comes, he will show the world it was wrong about sin, righteousness, and judgment. <sup>9</sup>He will show the world it was wrong about sin because they don’t believe in me. <sup>10</sup>He will show the world it was wrong about righteousness because I’m going to the Father and you won’t see me anymore. <sup>11</sup>He will show the world it was wrong about judgment because this world’s ruler stands condemned. <sup>12</sup>“I have much more to say to you, but you can’t handle it now. <sup>13</sup>However, when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you in all truth. He won’t speak on his own, but will say whatever he hears and will proclaim to you what is to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and proclaim it to you. <sup>15</sup>Everything that the Father has is mine. That’s why I said that the Spirit takes what is mine and will proclaim it to you.

Psalm Reading  
**29**  
from the Common English Bible

<sup>1</sup>You, divine beings! Give to the Lord - give to the Lord glory and power!

**<sup>2</sup>Give to the Lord the glory due his name! Bow down to the Lord in holy splendor!**

<sup>3</sup>The Lord’s voice is over the waters; the glorious God thunders; the Lord is over the mighty waters.

**<sup>4</sup>The Lord’s voice is strong; the Lord’s voice is majestic.**

<sup>5</sup>The Lord’s voice breaks cedar trees...

**yes, the Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon.**

<sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon jump around like a young bull, makes Sirion jump around like a young wild ox.

**<sup>7</sup>The Lord’s voice unleashes fiery flames...**

<sup>8</sup>the Lord’s voice shakes the wilderness...

**yes, the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The Lord’s voice convulses the oaks, strips the forests bare...

**but in his temple everyone shouts, “Glory!”**

<sup>10</sup>The Lord sits enthroned over the floodwaters; the Lord sits enthroned - king forever!

**<sup>11</sup>Let the Lord give strength to his people! Let the Lord bless his people with peace!**