

INTROIT: WISD. 1. 7

SPIRITUS Dómini replévit orbem terrárum, allelúia: et hoc quod cóninet ómnia, sciéntiam habet vocis. Allelúia, allelúia, allelúia. *Ps. 67. 2.* Exsúrgat Deus, et dissipéntur inimíci ejus: et fúgiant, qui odérunt eum, a fácie ejus. *℣.* Glória.

THE Spirit of the Lord hath filled the whole world, alleluia; and that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered: and let them that hate Him flee from before His face. *℣.* Glory be.

COLLECT

Deus, qui hodiérna die corda fidélium Sancti Spíritus illustratióne docuísti: da nobis in eódem Spíritu recta sápere; et de ejus semper consolatióne gaudére. Per Dóminum... in unitáte ejúsdem Spíritus Sancti. Per Dóminum.

O God, who on this day didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through our Lord... in the unity of the same Holy Ghost.

EPISTLE: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2. 1-11

Cum compleréntur dies Pentecóstes, erant omnes discípuli páriter in eódem loco: et factus est repénte de cælo sonus, tamquam adveniéntis spíritus veheméntis: et replévit totam domum ubi erant sedéntes. Et apparuérunt illis dispertítæ linguæ tamquam ignis, sedítque supra síngulos eórum: et repléti sunt omnes Spíritu Sancto, et cœpérunt loqui várius linguis, prout Spíritus Sanctus dabat éloqui illis. Erant autem in Jerúsalem habitántes Judæi, viri religiósi ex omni natióne, quæ sub cælo est. Facta autem hac voce, convénit multitúdo, et mente confúsa est, quóniam audiébat unusquisque lingua sua illos loquéntes. Stupébant autem

When the days of the Pentecost were accomplished, they were all together in one place; and suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak. Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. And when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded in mind, because that every man heard them speak in

POSTCOMMUNION

Sancti Spíritus, Dómine, corda nostra mundet infúσιο: et sui roris íntima aspersione fecúndet. Per Dóminum... in unitate ejúsdem Spíritus Sancti. May the outpouring of the Holy Spirit purify our hearts, O Lord, and by the inward sprinkling of His heavenly dew may they be made fruitful. Through our Lord... in the unity of the same.

COMMENTARY ON PENTECOST OR WHIT SUNDAY

STATION AT ST. PETER'S

“The gift of Wisdom is an illumination of the Holy Ghost, by which our intellect is able to look at revealed truths in their more sublime light, to the greater joy of our souls ¹.“

Our Lord laid the foundations of His Church during His public life, and after His resurrection He gave it the powers necessary for its mission. It was by the Holy Ghost that the apostles were to be trained and endowed with strength from on high (*Gospel*). “And I will send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay you in the city, till you be embued with power from on high ².“ At Pentecost we celebrate the first manifestation of the Holy Ghost among our Lord's disciples and the foundation of the Church itself. Hence the choice of the basilica dedicated to St. Peter for to-day's station.

We read in the *Gospel* that our Lord foretold the coming of the Paraclete to His disciples and the *Epistle* shows us the realization of that promise. It was at the third hour of the day (Terce, nine a. m.) that the Spirit of God descended upon the Cenacle and a mighty wind which blew suddenly upon the house, together with the appearance of tongues of fire within, were the wonderful tokens of His coming. Nowadays the red vestments recall these tongues of fire. Formerly, in certain churches, while the *Veni Sancte Spiritus* was being sung, a shower of red roses was let fall from the roof, while a dove flew about over the heads of the faithful. Sometimes, to add another feature to the attempt to give a scenic character to the ceremonial, a trumpet