

**A reading from Acts chapter 2 verses 1 through 21. You can find the reading on page 761 in your pew Bible.**

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and 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 Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on 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 on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall  
prophesy.

And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;  
the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes,  
the great and magnificent day.

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon  
the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**The Word of the Lord.**  
***Thanks be to God.***

Please join me in praying Joel 2 verses 12 through 18.

Leader: "Yet even now," declares the LORD,  
"return to me with all your heart,

**People: with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
and rend your hearts and not your garments."**

Leader: Return to the LORD your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,

**People: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;  
and he relents over disaster.**

Leader: Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,  
and leave a blessing behind him,

**People: a grain offering and a drink offering  
for the LORD your God?**

Leader: Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
consecrate a fast;

**People: call a solemn assembly;  
gather the people.**

Leader: Consecrate the congregation;  
assemble the elders;

**People: gather the children,  
even nursing infants.**

Leader: Let the bridegroom leave his room,  
and the bride her chamber.

**People: Between the vestibule and the altar  
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep**

**Leader:** and say, "Spare your people, O LORD,  
and make not your heritage a reproach,  
a byword among the nations.

**People: Why should they say among the peoples,  
'Where is their God?'"**

**All: Then the LORD became jealous for his land  
and had pity on his people.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it  
was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.***

**Leader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.**

*(allow them time to stand)*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.**

***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.***