



## SCRIPTURE READINGS - Year A 24 May 2026 – Day of Pentecost

Your word is a lamp to our feet.

**A light to our path.**

**PSALM 104:24-34, 35b**, *New International Version - p. 596 in the pew bibles.*

<sup>24</sup>How many are your works, LORD!

In wisdom you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>There is the sea, vast and spacious,  
teeming with creatures beyond number—  
living things both large and small.

<sup>26</sup>There the ships go to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

<sup>27</sup>All creatures look to you  
to give them their food at the proper time.

<sup>28</sup>When you give it to them,  
they gather it up;  
when you open your hand,  
they are satisfied with good things.

<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face,  
they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return to the dust.

<sup>30</sup>When you send your Spirit,  
they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.

<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works—

<sup>32</sup>he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

<sup>34</sup>May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
as I rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>Praise the LORD, my soul.  
Praise the LORD.

## **The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost**

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

## **Peter Addresses the Crowd**

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by 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 men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Lord may your word live in us  
**and bear much fruit to your glory**