

# CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – CYCLE A

## VOLUNTEER OVERVIEW

### GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH



## WEEKLY FLOW OUTLINE

### 1. Before You Meet With the Children

Read the Scripture readings (see below), especially the Gospel.

Readings also found at: <https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>

### 2. Invite the Holy Spirit

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your words and actions.

### 3. Welcome the Children

Begin with a warm welcome and the Sign of the Cross.

### 4. Proclaim the Gospel - Read out loud directly from Scripture.

### 5. Reflection Questions (sample questions provided but follow the Spirit!)

Encourage children to participate but never require a child to speak.

### 6. Send Forth

Close with prayer and return to Mass reverently.



## REMINDER

God works through your kindness, patience, and presence.

Trust that the Holy Spirit is at work—even in moments of silence.

“Let the children come to me.” (Matthew 19:14)

## THANK YOU

Your presence helps our parish children encounter Jesus in a way that is prayerful, welcoming, and suited to their age. You are not expected to have all the answers. Your role is simply to help the children listen to the Gospel and reflect on how it connects to their lives. Children's Liturgy of the Word is an invitation—an opportunity for children to feel safe, seen, and loved by God and by the Church.



# Children's Liturgy of the Word – Cycle A



## Pentecost - The Holy Spirit Comes

### Scripture

- First Reading: Acts 2:1–11
- Gospel: John 20:19–23

The Holy Spirit gives us courage, peace, and forgiveness.



### Reflection Questions

**Personal:** When do you need courage?

**Relational:** How can the Spirit help you be kind or brave?

**Mission:** How can you use God's gifts to help others?

### Catechist Note

The Holy Spirit gives courage, peace, and forgiveness.

### Sending Forth Prayer

**Holy Spirit, give us courage to love and forgive. Amen.**



# Daily Readings

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## Pentecost Sunday - Mass during the Day

Lectionary: 63

### Reading 1

Acts 2:1-11

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When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled,  
they were all in one place together.  
And suddenly there came from the sky  
a noise like a strong driving wind,  
and it filled the entire house in which they were.  
Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,  
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.  
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in different tongues,  
as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven  
staying in Jerusalem.  
At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd,  
but they were confused  
because each one heard them speaking in his own language.  
They were astounded, and in amazement they asked,  
"Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans?  
Then how does each of us hear them in his native language?  
We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites,  
inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,  
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,  
Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene,  
as well as travelers from Rome,

both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs,  
yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues  
of the mighty acts of God."

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

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**R. (cf. 30) Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!

How manifold are your works, O LORD!

the earth is full of your creatures;

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

may the LORD be glad in his works!

Pleasing to him be my theme;

I will be glad in the LORD.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

If you take away their breath, they perish

and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,

and you renew the face of the earth.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

## Reading 2

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

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Brothers and sisters:

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;  
there are different forms of service but the same Lord;  
there are different workings but the same God  
who produces all of them in everyone.  
To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit  
is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts,  
and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body,  
so also Christ.  
For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,  
whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons,  
and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

## **Sequence — Veni, Sancte Spiritus**

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Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
And from your celestial home  
Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor!  
Come, source of all our store!  
Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, of comforters the best;  
You, the soul's most welcome guest;  
Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet;  
Grateful coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,  
Shine within these hearts of yours,  
And our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught,  
Nothing good in deed or thought,  
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour your dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore  
And confess you, evermore  
In your sevenfold gift descend;

Give them virtue's sure reward;  
Give them your salvation, Lord;  
Give them joys that never end. Amen.  
Alleluia.

## Alleluia

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**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel

John 20:19-23

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On the evening of that first day of the week,  
when the doors were locked, where the disciples were,  
for fear of the Jews,  
Jesus came and stood in their midst  
and said to them, "Peace be with you."  
When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.  
The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.  
Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."  
And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,  
"Receive the Holy Spirit.  
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,  
and whose sins you retain are retained."

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