

Gospel 23rd May 2021. Cycle B
PENTECOST Sunday.

**AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME,
I ALSO SEND YOU**



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SETTING.

You come in the form of welcome, you always come, or you are always, rather. I prepare to be with you and soak up with your strength, that your Spirit infuses me to be the path, so that it may be traveled through all that life that you propose to me and that reaches up to me.

My heart burns with the desire to be like Your comforting Spirit for all those circumstances and people that I meet and for whom I can be an impulse in the beat of their heart.

Come Holy Spirit, companion on the way.

SONG. ESPÍRITU. Jesús Cabello (Official Lyric Video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAVJlGFUdp0>

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN: JN 20:19-23.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, *“Peace be with you!”* After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, *“Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”* And with that he breathed on them and said, *“Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”*

LET US DEEPEN THE TEXT.

To transmit the Holy Spirit to his disciples, Jesus breathes on them. This makes us think of the famous phrase from the book Genesis, chapter 2: “The Lord God breathes into the nostrils of man the vital breath and man is constituted as a living being” (Gn 2:7). And Psalm 103 (which we read on the Feast of Pentecost), comments on the text of Creation singing: “You send your breath, and they are created.” And it is precisely on Easter evening when Jesus takes up this creative gesture. It is understood why Saint John insists: “On the evening of that first day of the week,” which is a way of saying that it is the first day of the new creation.

Second element to highlight about the breath. It could be said that the order chosen by John to tell us about Pentecost is a lesson: let us return to the three phrases in order of appearance: 1) “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” 2) And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 3) If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven.”

The first and third sentences say a mission. Between the two is framed the phrase that speaks of the gift of the Spirit. This clearly says that the Spirit is given FOR the mission. This mission is our only reason for being.

Mission that consists of "forgiving sins" and that was also the mission of Jesus. And He says it very clearly: “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” Hearing this, they feel like getting to work quickly!

Furthermore, God's forgiveness can be announced in two ways: through our words and through our gestures. This is what is

asked of us: that we be, ourselves, forgiveness. From here we are, for the world, witnesses of God's forgiveness.

And this is the new Creation: the Spirit of the gift of forgiveness is given to us. At Pentecost, the power to forgive is breathed within us.

CLUES FOR THE PRAYER.

- Sometimes our doors are closed, those of our community, home... what doors do I have closed out of fear? What fears invade me?
- What does Jesus offer us in our experiences of fear? What does He offer to the apostles?
- Jesus trusts us, He sends us. What does Jesus send you to?

PEACE BE WITH YOU. Be compassionate and merciful_____

AMBIENTAL MUSIC. Contemplating Tiberias.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RT0u12Dvveg>

GENTLE BREEZE.

Come Spirit
and renew my life,
which is how it appears,
so limited,
but is willing to be
all the good and the best
what You wish.
You are breath of life.
You are peace and quietness.
You are tenderness and silence.
You are light and way.
You are gentle breeze.
You are love and sustenance.
You are music and dance.
You are a clamour of earth and man.
You are palm carved
with many names.
You are fire and ember.

You are bowl offered.
You are word and gesture.
And You count on me
You are everything,
in life and with me.
What can I do better!
but to be a reflection in life
and content in the bowl.
To be a flash of that light,
soft burst in the wind,
that embraces everything,
caresses everything
and raises what is fallen.
What better life
that being the surrender in the day,
which cries out with the brother, other,
and the sister Earth,
and feels and searches tirelessly,
that so simple love,
so human and so divine.
that makes it grow, everything.
Come Spirit and renew everything.
Send us,
let's get out of ourselves
and let's gestate the future shared,
and the new humanity,
woven with fraternal threads,
multicolored, dreamy...
Receive my spirit.

SONG. MY CHEST BURNS. Jesús Cabello

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ffF27Asrj5NQ>



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