

Reassembling Community Week 2 - Scripture Readings

Acts 2:1-8, 11-18

When the day of Pentecost had finally arrived, they were all together in the same place. Suddenly there came from heaven a noise like the sound of a strong, blowing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then tongues, seemingly made of fire, appeared to them, moving apart and coming to rest on each one of them.

They were all filled with the holy spirit, and began to speak in other languages, as the spirit gave them the words to say.

There were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem at that time. When they heard this noise they came together in a crowd. They were deeply puzzled, because every single one of them could hear them speaking in his or her own native language. They were astonished and amazed.

"These men who are doing the speaking are all Galileans, aren't they?" they said. "So how is it that each of us can hear them in our own mother tongues?"

We can hear them telling us about the powerful things God has done— in our own languages!" Everyone was astonished and perplexed.

"What does it all mean?" they were asking each other.

But some sneered. "They're full of new wine!" they said.

Then Peter got up, with the eleven. He spoke to them in a loud voice.

"People of Judaea!" he began. "All of you staying here in Jerusalem! There's something you have to know! Listen to what I'm saying! These people aren't drunk, as you imagine. It's only nine o'clock in the morning! No, this is what the prophet Joel was talking about, when he said,

In the last days, declares God, I will pour out my spirit on all people.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy;

Your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams;

Yes, even on slaves, men and women alike, will I pour out my spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy.

Homework for next week:

Acts 2:1-8, 5:1-18