

The Collects, Epistles and Gospels of the Liberal Catholic liturgy, rendered into gender-neutral, modern language, as an alternative form, by The Mission Episcopate of Saints Francis and Clare, a Eucharistic Community in the Liberal Catholic Tradition.

Whitsunday

Class A. Red vestments. First Vespers. In the MESFC more than 6 candles at Mass. (In the LCC: Second division: Many candles, though not quite so many as on Easter and Christmas.) A special or proper Gradual is prescribed for Whitsunday and six days after. A special or proper Preface is inserted between the first and second paragraphs of the regular Preface on Whitsunday and six days after. (In a small church, white may take the place of all colours, except there should be a violet stole for use where prescribed. Cloth of Gold may always take the place of white, red or green vestments, but not of violet.)

The Collects

P. Christ be with you

C. And with your spirit.

P. Let us pray.

The collect for purity

P. Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy Name. In Christ's name we pray. **R/. Amen.**

The priest then intones or says the collect of the day and other collects, if any.

P. O GOD, who as at this time did teach the hearts of Your faithful people, by the sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in the comfort of that Holy Spirit, through the love of our Sovereign Christ, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, throughout all ages of ages. **R. Amen.**

And finally the collect for peace

P. Teach us, Most High, to see your life in all the peoples of your earth, and so guide the nations into an understanding of your laws that peace and goodwill may reign upon earth; In Christ's name we pray. **R/. Amen.**

The Epistle

The portion of Scripture appointed for the Epistle is taken from the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the first verse.

WHEN the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, like a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. There appeared to them cloven tongues, like fire, and it sat upon each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. There were dwelling at Jerusalem devout Jews from every nation under heaven. Now when this was told abroad, the multitude came together and were confounded, because they all heard them speak in their own language. They were all amazed, and marvelled, saying to one another, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? How do we each hear in our own native tongue? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judæa and Cappadocia, in Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and Proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we all hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God."

Here ends the Epistle.

The epistle ended, all stand and sing:

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual for Whitsunday and six days after.

1. The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters:
and God said, Let there be light; and there was light.
2. **Know you not that you are the temple of God: and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?**
3. **The Spirit is life, because of righteousness: and as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the children of God.**
4. **The Most High is that Spirit: and where that Spirit is, there is liberty.**

Munda Cor Meum

D. Cleanse my heart and my lips, O God, who by the hand of your seraph did cleanse the lips of the prophet Isaiah with a burning coal from your altar and in your lovingkindness so purify me that I may worthily proclaim your holy gospel; In Christ's name .

C. May the Most High be in your (+) heart and on your (+) lips, that through your heart the love of God may shine forth and through your lips God's power be made manifest.

R/. Amen.

The Gospel

P OR D. Christ be with you.

The holy Gospel is taken from the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, beginning at the sixteenth verse.

C. And with your spirit.

C: Glory be to you, O Holy One.

JESUS said to His disciples, "I will pray to the Most High, who will give you another Comforter, to abide with you forever, the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see or know that Spirit. But you know the Spirit who dwells with you, and in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you. In a little while the world will see Me no more, but you see Me. Because I live, you shall live also. The Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit and whom the Most High will send in My Name shall teach you all things, and bring all the things to Your remembrance which I have said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not Your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid.

The Preface for Whitsunday and six days after.

P. It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto you, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, who, going up above all the heavens, according to His most true promise sent forth the Holy Ghost, who came down as at this time from heaven with a sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth. Therefore, we pray that with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones, Dominations, Princedoms, Virtues, Powers, with Cherubim and Seraphim and with all the company of heaven, we too may laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying: