

## Bible Reading | Sunday, May 24th (Pentecost)

### Psalm

24 How many are your works, LORD!  
In wisdom you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

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

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

27 All creatures look to you  
to give them their food at the proper time.

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

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

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

31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works—

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

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

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

35 But may sinners vanish from the earth  
and the wicked be no more.

Praise the LORD, my soul.  
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(Psalm 104:24-35 NIV)

## Old Testament

24 So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. 25 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.

26 However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. 27 A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

28 Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!”

29 But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD’S people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” 30 Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

(Numbers 11:24-30 NIV)

## Epistle

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

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

13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

14 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. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 “ ‘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.  
18 Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.  
19 I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.  
20 The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.  
21 And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'  
(Acts 2:1-21 NIV)

## **Gospel**

37 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice,  
"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture  
has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." 39 By this he meant the Spirit,  
whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not  
been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.  
(John 7:37-39 NIV)