

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalm 104:24-34,35b

Acts 2:1-21

1 Corinthians 12:3b- 13

John 20:19-23

## MESSAGE

**“Sent by the Spirit: Living the Breath of God”**

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## **“SENT BY THE SPIRIT: LIVING THE BREATH OF GOD”**

- **Psalm 104:24–34, 35b** – God’s Spirit as Creator and Sustainer
- **Acts 2:1–21** – The outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
- **1 Corinthians 12:3b–13** – One Spirit, many gifts, one body
- **John 20:19–23** – Jesus breathes the Spirit and sends the disciples

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- 1. The Spirit Who Gives Life to All Creation** (*Psalm 104:24–34, 35b*)
  - God’s wisdom fills creation with abundant life.
  - The psalmist proclaims: *“When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.”* (v.30)
  - The Spirit is not only for the church but is God’s life-giving presence throughout all creation.

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### 2. The Spirit Who Breaks Barriers and Speaks to All (*Acts 2:1–21*)

#### The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

2 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<sup>[a]</sup> as the Spirit enabled them.

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<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

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<sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

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

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#### Peter Addresses the Crowd

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

<sup>17</sup> “In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

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your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

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<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

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- The Holy Spirit descends with wind and fire—symbols of power, purification, and divine presence.
- The disciples speak in many languages, and all people hear God’s mighty deeds.
- Peter declares that God’s Spirit is poured out on **all people**—young and old, women and men.

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### 3. The Spirit Who Unites and Equips the Body of Christ (*1 Corinthians 12:3b–13*)

- Confessing Jesus as Lord is itself the work of the Holy Spirit.
- The Spirit gives diverse gifts, yet forms **one body**.
- No gift is for personal prestige; all are given for the common good.

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### 4. The Spirit Who Sends Us into the World (*John 20:19–23*)

#### Jesus Appears to His Disciples

<sup>19</sup> 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!” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

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- The risen Jesus appears to fearful disciples and speaks peace.
- He breathes on them, echoing God’s breath of life in Genesis.
- The Spirit empowers forgiveness, reconciliation, and mission.

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Pentecost shows that God’s Spirit creates a community that crosses boundaries of culture, language, and status.

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Unity in the church is not sameness—it is Spirit-shaped diversity working together in love.

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The Spirit is not given only for comfort, but for commissioning—  
**“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”**

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Pentecost reminds us that:

- The Spirit gives life to creation,
- Breaks barriers among people,
- Unites the church in diverse gifts,
- And sends us into the world with Christ’s peace.

The same Spirit who moved then is moving now—renewing, empowering, and sending us out.

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