



Send forth your Spir-it and re - new the face of the earth.

How manifold are your ¹ works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full ¹ of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
with its swarms too man- ¹ y to number,
living things both ¹ small and great.

²⁶There go the ships ¹ to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the ¹ sport of it.

²⁷All of them ¹ look to you
to give them their food ¹ in due season. **R**

²⁸You give it to them; they ¹ gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled ¹ with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, ¹ they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return ¹ to their dust.

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they ¹ are created;
and so you renew the face ¹ of the earth.

³¹May the glory of the LORD en- ¹ dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in ¹ all your works. **R**

³²You look at the earth ¹ and it trembles;
you touch the mountains ¹ and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long ¹ as I live;
I will praise my God while I ¹ have my being.

³⁴May these words of ¹ mine please God.
I will rejoice ¹ in the LORD.

^{35b}Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul.
Hal- ¹ lelujah! **R**

First Reading, continued

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great
and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of
the Lord shall be saved."

or Numbers 11:24-30 [not printed]

The spirit of God rested upon seventy elders in Israel who had been chosen to share the burden of leadership with Moses. When some became jealous that two others also had the spirit and could prophesy, Moses said that he hoped that all of God's people would be prophets.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the

working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

or Acts 2:1-21 [see First Reading]

Gospel

John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when

they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

or John 7:37-39 [not printed]

Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as living water, quenching the thirst of all who come to him and filling the hearts of believers until they overflow.