



### Statement of Intention for Centering Prayer



Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier,  
alive at the center of our being, we  
wish to surrender in love to You.  
May our sacred word,

which we will gently pray  
when we engage with our thoughts,  
be a sign and symbol of our intention to  
consent to Your Divine Presence  
And Action within.

*Readings for Sunday May 11, 2008*

#### **Reading 1** (Acts 2:1-11)

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled,  
they were all in one place together.  
And suddenly there came from the sky  
a noise like a strong driving wind,  
and it filled the entire house in which they were.  
Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,  
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.  
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in different tongues,  
as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under  
heaven staying in Jerusalem.  
At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they  
were confused because each one heard them speaking in  
his own language.  
They were astounded, and in amazement they asked,  
“Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans?  
Then how does each of us hear them in his native  
language?  
We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of  
Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,  
Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya  
near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews  
and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear  
them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of  
God.”

#### **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34)

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of  
the earth.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!  
How manifold are your works, O Lord!  
the earth is full of your creatures;

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of  
the earth.**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD be glad in his works!  
Pleasing to him be my theme;  
I will be glad in the LORD.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of  
the earth.**

If you take away their breath, they perish

and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of  
the earth.**

#### **Reading II** (1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13)

Brothers and sisters: No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,”  
except by the Holy Spirit.  
There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same  
Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same  
Lord; there are different workings but the same God  
who produces all of them in everyone. To each  
individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for  
some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the  
parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also  
Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one  
body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons,  
and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

#### **Gospel** (Jn 20:19-23)

On the evening of that first day of the week,  
when the doors were locked, where the disciples were,  
for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst  
and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had  
said this, he showed them his hands and his side.  
The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus  
said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father  
has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this,  
he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the  
Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,  
and whose sins you retain are retained.”

*In thanksgiving for the holy space provided to our centering  
prayer groups, let our intentions include the needs of each  
pastor of each worshipping community: Holy Trinity  
Seminary in Irving, St. Joseph Catholic Church in  
Richardson, and Our Lady of the Lake Church in Rockwall.*

