



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.*

