

Pentecost Sunday

A Multilingual Choral Reading of Acts 2: 1-21

Based on a staged reading by Northside Drive Baptist Church and adapted by Todd Thomason

Featured Languages: Amharic, Bengali, Danish, French, Spanish, Ukrainian.

ENGLISH When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

SPANISH REPEAT When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

AMHARIC REPEAT When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

ENGLISH And suddenly from heaven there came a sound...

UKRAINIAN REPEAT And suddenly from heaven there came a sound

FRENCH REPEAT And suddenly from heaven there came a sound

ENGLISH ...Like the rush of a violent wind,

DANISH REPEAT like the rush of a violent wind,

BENGALI REPEAT like the rush of a violent wind

ENGLISH And it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them...

AMHARIC REPEAT Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them

FRENCH REPEAT Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them

ENGLISH ...and a tongue rested on each of them.

SPANISH REPEAT and a tongue rested on each of them.

DANISH REPEAT and a tongue rested on each of them.

ENGLISH All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

ALL LANGUAGES REPEAT AT THE SAME TIME: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

ENGLISH Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound...

BENGALI REPEAT ...“this sound”

UKRAINIAN REPEAT ...“this sound”

ENGLISH ...the crowd gathered and was bewildered,

ALL READERS IN ENGLISH: because each person heard them speaking...each one in their native language.

ENGLISH Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

SPANISH REPEAT "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

AMHARIC REPEAT "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

UKRAINIAN REPEAT "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

FRENCH REPEAT "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

DANISH REPEAT "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

BENGALI REPEAT "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

ENGLISH And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

AMHARIC REPEAT in our own native language?

UKRAINIAN REPEAT in our own native language?

FRENCH REPEAT in our own native language?

DANISH REPEAT in our own native language?

BENGALI REPEAT in our own native language?

SPANISH REPEAT in our own native language?

ENGLISH Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs

ALL READERS IN ENGLISH: in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.

ENGLISH All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

UKRAINIAN REPEAT "What does this mean?"

FRENCH REPEAT "What does this mean?"

DANISH REPEAT "What does this mean?"

BENGALI REPEAT "What does this mean?"

SPANISH REPEAT "What does this mean?"

AMHARIC REPEAT "What does this mean?"

ENGLISH But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

FRENCH REPEAT "They are filled with new wine."

DANISH REPEAT "They are filled with new wine."

BENGALI REPEAT "They are filled with new wine."

ENGLISH But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice

SPANISH REPEAT his voice

AMHARIC REPEAT his voice

UKRAINIAN REPEAT his voice

ENGLISH and addressed them:

"Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o' clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

ALL READERS IN ENGLISH: Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved

DANISH REPEAT 'shall be saved.'

BENGALI REPEAT 'shall be saved.'

SPANISH REPEAT 'shall be saved.'

AMHARICREPEAT 'shall be saved.'

UKRAINIAN REPEAT 'shall be saved.'

FRENCH REPEAT 'shall be saved.'

ALL READERS SAY SLOWLY IN ENGLISH: "Shall..... be..... saved!"

ENGLISH: Amen.

