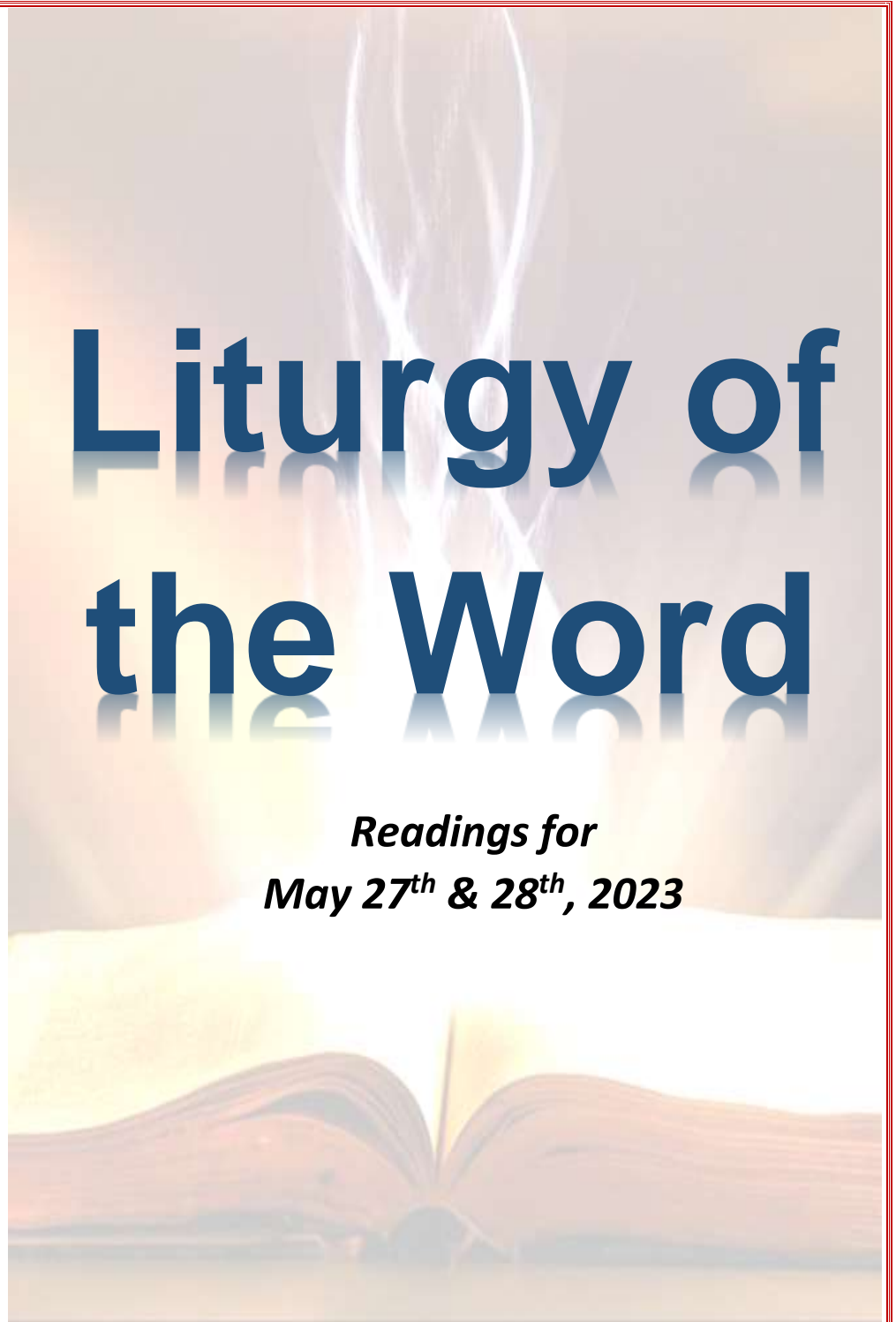




# Liturgy of the Word

*Readings for  
May 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023*



## First Reading

*Everyone was filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.*

### Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles (2, 1-11)

On the day of Pentecost, all the disciples were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a great noise coming from the sky, as when a strong wind blows, which resonated throughout the house where they were. Then there appeared tongues of fire, and they spread out and settled on them; they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit induced them to express themselves.” In those days there were devout Jews in Jerusalem, coming from all over the world. Upon hearing the noise, they flocked and were bewildered, because each heard them speak in their own language. Stunned and full of admiration, they asked, “Aren’t they Galileans, all these who are speaking? How, then, do we hear them speak in our native language? Among us are Medes, Parthians and Elamites; others live in Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt or in the area of Libya bordering Cyrene. Some of us are visitors, from Rome, Jews and proselytes; there are also Cretans and Arabs. And yet everyone hears them speak of the wonders of God in their own language.” **Word of God. *We praise you, Lord.***

## Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 103

### **R. Send, Lord, your Spirit to renew the earth. Hallelujah**

\* Bless the Lord, my soul; Lord and my God, immense is your greatness. How numerous are your works, Lord! The earth is full of your creatures. **R.**

\* If you withdraw your breath, every creature dies and returns to dust. But you send forth your spirit, which gives life, and renew the aspect of the earth. **R.**

\* May God be glorified forever and rejoice in his creatures. May you please my words and I will rejoice in the Lord. **R**

## Second Reading

*We have been baptized in one Spirit to form one body.*

### Reading from the Letter of the Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (12, 3-7. 12-13)

Brothers and sisters, no one can call Jesus “Lord,” except under the action of the Holy Spirit. There are different gifts, but the Spirit is the same. There are different services, but the Lord is the same. There are different activities, but God, who does everything in everyone, is the same. In each one the Spirit is manifested for the common good. For just as the body is one and has many members and all of them, despite being many, form one body, so is Christ. For all of us, whether Jewish or non-Jewish, slave or free, have been baptized into one Spirit to form one body, and we have all been made to drink of the same Spirit. **Word of God. *We praise you, Lord.***

## Holy Gospel

*As the Father has sent me, so I have sent you: Receive the Holy Spirit.*

### Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Saint John (20, 19-23)

Jesus Appears to His Disciples- 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!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side.

The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again, Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

**Word of God. *Glory to you Lord Jesus.***