

The body of Christ has many different parts,  
 just as any other body does.  
 Some of us are Jews,  
 and others are Gentiles.  
 Some of us are slaves,  
 and others are free.  
 But God's Spirit baptized each of us  
 and made us part of the body of Christ.  
 Now we each drink from that same Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

### ALLELUIA

*R.* Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
 and kindle in them the fire of your love.

*R.* Alleluia, alleluia.

### GOSPEL

*As the Father sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit.*

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John

20:19-23

**T**he disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders,  
 and on the evening of that same Sunday  
 they locked themselves in a room.  
 Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group.  
 He greeted them and showed them his hands and his side.  
 When the disciples saw the Lord,  
 they became very happy.

After Jesus had greeted them again, he said,  
 "I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me."  
 Then he breathed on them and said,  
 "Receive the Holy Spirit.  
 If you forgive anyone's sins,  
 they will be forgiven.  
 But if you don't forgive their sins,  
 they will not be forgiven."

The gospel of the Lord.