**Psalm 139:1-12 (13-16)**

**1**You have searched me, Lord,  
    and you know me.  
**2**You know when I sit and when I rise;  
    you perceive my thoughts from afar.  
**3**You discern my going out and my lying down;  
    you are familiar with all my ways.  
**4**Before a word is on my tongue  
    you, Lord, know it completely.  
**5**You hem me in behind and before,  
    and you lay your hand upon me.  
**6**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
    too lofty for me to attain.

**7**Where can I go from your Spirit?  
    Where can I flee from your presence?  
**8**If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
    if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.  
**9**If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
    if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
**10**even there your hand will guide me,  
    your right hand will hold me fast.  
**11**If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me  
    and the light become night around me,”  
**12**even the darkness will not be dark to you;  
    the night will shine like the day,  
    for darkness is as light to you.

**13**For you created my inmost being;  
    you knit me together in my mother’s womb.  
**14**I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
    your works are wonderful,  
    I know that full well.  
**15**My frame was not hidden from you  
    when I was made in the secret place,  
    when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.  
**16**Your eyes saw my unformed body;  
    all the days ordained for me were written in your book  
    before one of them came to be.

**Old Testament Reading - Ezekiel 36:26-27**

**26**I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. **27**And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

**New Testament Reading - Acts 2:1-21**

**The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost**

**2**When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2**Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3**They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4**All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=acts+2&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26954a)] as the Spirit enabled them.

**5**Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6**When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7**Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? **8**Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9**Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=acts+2&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26959b)] **10**Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11**(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” **12**Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

**13**Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

**Peter Addresses the Crowd**

**14**Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. **15**These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! **16**No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

**17**“‘In the last days, God says,  
    I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
    your young men will see visions,  
    your old men will dream dreams.  
**18**Even on my servants, both men and women,  
    I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
    and they will prophesy.

**19**I will show wonders in the heavens above  
    and signs on the earth below,  
    blood and fire and billows of smoke.  
**20**The sun will be turned to darkness  
    and the moon to blood  
    before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.  
**21**And everyone who calls  
    on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

**Gospel Reading – John 15:26-27 & 16:4b-15**

**The Work of the Holy Spirit**

**26**“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. **27**And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, **5**but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ **6**Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. **7**But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. **8**When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: **9**about sin, because people do not believe in me; **10**about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; **11**and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

**12**“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. **13**But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. **14**He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. **15**All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”