

## ORDER OF CONFIRMATION BIBLICAL READINGS

### 61. READINGS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

1. **Isaiah 11:1-4a**

*On him the spirit of the Lord rests.*

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse... (4) for the poor of the land.

2. **Isaiah 42:1-3**

*I have endowed my servant with my spirit.*

The Lord says this: 'Here is my servant...

3. **Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9**

*The Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor and to give them the oil of gladness.*

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me... (3) ...for despondency, praise. (6) ...they will call you 'ministers of our God'. (8) I will reward them faithfully.

4. **Ezekiel 36:24-28**

*I shall put my spirit in you.*

The Lord says this: I am going to take you from among the nations

5. **Joel 2:23a, 26-30a (Hebrew 2:23a; 3:1-3a)**

*Even on the slaves, men and women, will I pour out my Spirit.*

Sons of Zion, be glad, rejoice in the Lord your God. You will eat to your heart's content... (30) and on earth.

### 62. READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. **Acts 1:3-8**

*You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes, and then you will be my witnesses.*

Jesus had shown himself alive to the apostles after his Passion...

2. **Acts 2:1-6, 14, 22b-23, 32-33**

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak.*

When Pentecost day came round... (22) ...Jesus the Nazarene

3. **Acts 8:1, 4, 14-17**

*They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

A bitter persecution started...

4. **Acts 10:1, 33-34a, 37-44**

*The Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners.*

One of the centurions of the Italica cohort stationed in Caesarea... (33) He said to Peter, 'I sent for you... (34) Then Peter addressed them:

5. **Acts 19:1b-6a**

*Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?*

Paul made his way overland as far as Ephesus... (6) ...came down on them.

6. Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged and at peace with God...

7. Romans 8:14-17

*The Spirit himself and our spirit bear witness that we are children of God,*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God...

8. Romans 8:26-27

*The Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words.*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness...

9. 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

*One and the same Spirit who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.*

There is a variety of gifts, but always the same Spirit...

10. Galatians 5:16-17, 22-23a, 24-25

*Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.*

If you are guided by the Spirit... (23) ...self-control.

11. Ephesians 1:3a, 4a, 13-19a

*You have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (4) Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ. (13) Now you too, in him... (19) ...for us believers.

12. Ephesians 4:1-6

*One Body, one Spirit, one baptism.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you...

63. RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

1. Psalm 21 (22):23-24, 26-27, 28 and 31-32

R. (23): I will tell of your name to my brethren.

or: (John 15:26-27): When the Advocate comes, you will be my witnesses.

2. Psalm 22 (23):1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6

R. (1): The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

3. Psalm 95 (96):1-2a, 2b-3, 9-10a, 11-12

R. (3): Proclaim the wonders of the Lord  
among all the peoples.

4. Psalm 103 (104):1ab and 24, 27-28, 30-31, 33-34

R. (30): Send forth your spirit, O Lord,  
and renew the face of the earth.

5. Psalm 116 (117):1, 2

R. (Acts 1:8): You will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.

or: Alleluia!

6. **Psalm 144 (145):2-3, 4-5, 8-9, 10-11, 15-16, 21**  
**R. (1b):** I will bless your name for ever, O Lord.

**64.** ALLELUIA VERSES AND VERSES BEFORE THE GOSPEL

1. **John 14:16**  
The Father will give you another Advocate  
to be with you for ever, says the Lord.
2. **John 15:26b, 27a**  
The Spirit of truth will be my witness,  
and you too will be witnesses,  
says the Lord.
3. **John 16:13a; 14:26b**  
When the Spirit of truth comes  
he will lead you to the complete truth;  
and he will remind you of all I have said to you.
4. **Revelation 1:5a, 6**  
You are the faithful witness, O Christ,  
the First-born from the dead;  
you have made us a line of kings,  
priests to serve our God and Father.
5. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
6. Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,  
from the clear celestial height,  
thy pure beaming radiance give.

**65.** GOSPEL READINGS

1. **Matthew 5:1-12a**  
*Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*  
Seeing the crowds. Jesus... (12) ...will be great in heaven.
2. **Matthew 16:24-27**  
*If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.*  
Jesus said to his disciples...
3. **Matthew 25:14-30**  
*You have shown you can be faithful in small things, come and join in your master's happiness.*  
Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'A man on his way abroad...
4. **Mark 1:9-11**  
*He saw the Spirit descending on him.*  
Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee...
5. **Luke 4:16-22a**  
*The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.*  
Jesus came to Nazara... (22) ...from his lips.

6. Luke 8:4-10a, 11b-15

*As for the part in the rich soil, this is people who take the word to themselves and yield a harvest through their perseverance.*

With a large crowd gathering and people from every town finding their way to him, Jesus used this parable... (10) and he said, (11) 'The seed is the word of God...

7. Luke 10:21-24

*I bless you, Father, for revealing these things to mere children.*

Filled with joy by the Holy Spirit, Jesus said...

8. John 7:37b-39

*Fountains of living water shall flow.*

Jesus cried out: If any man is thirsty...

9. John 14:15-17

*The Spirit of truth is with you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me...

10. John 14:23-26

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me...

11. John 15:18-21, 26-27

*The Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness,*

Jesus said to his disciples: If the world hates you...

12. John 16:5b-7, 12-13a (Greek 5-7, 12-13a)

*The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth.*

Jesus said to his disciples: Now I am going to the one who sent me... (13) ...the complete truth.