

## THE VOICES OF PENTECOST

Acts 2: 1-21 (NRSV ad.)

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**1-4 (English)** When the day of Pentecost had arrived, the disciples were gathered together all in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like the rushing of a mighty wind, filling the entire house where they sat. Divided tongues that looked like fire appeared among them, a tongue resting on each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

**5-6 (Tamil)** Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound, a crowd gathered and was confused, because as the disciples spoke, each person heard it in their own native language.

**7-8 (Vietnamese)** They all were amazed and astonished and asked, “Do not all these who are speaking come from Galilee? How then are we able to understand them in our own language?”

**9-11 (English)** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, of Pontus and Asia, of Phrygia and Pamphilia, of Egypt and those Lybian territories belonging to Cyrene; also visitors from Rome, both Jews and Jewish converts, along with Cretans and Arabs – in their own languages they heard the disciples speaking about God’s powerful acts.

**12-13 (French)** All were confused and said to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are just filled with new wine.”

**14 (Ndebele)** But Peter, standing with the other disciples, raised his voice and spoke to the crowd: “People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, understand this, and listen to what I say.

**15-16 (Shona)** “These people are not drunk, as some of you think. It’s only nine o’clock in the morning! No, this is what was prophesied by the prophet Joel:

**17 (German)** “Thus says the Lord: In the last days I will pour out my Spirit on all living things; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and young people shall see visions, and old people shall dream dreams.

**18 (Xitsonga)** “Even upon my servants, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, says the Lord, and they too shall speak prophecies.

**19-20 (All languages together)** “And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the coming of the great and glorious Day of the Lord.

**21 (English)** “Then everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**21 (All languages, with congregation)** Then everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved!

