



Recitation Script



The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

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OVERVIEW

Key Points

This multi-lingual recitation focuses on the coming of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 and adds supporting verses from Psalms and Isaiah. The multiple languages give an impression of what the moment felt like.

Recitation Delivery Notes

This is a wonderful opportunity to include people who would prefer short passages to recite, but there must be one strong reciter (Reciter #1). This example specifies certain languages, but there is no dependency on these specific languages. Instructions in this script will help to create a feeling of many languages being spoken at once, which should create a feeling of discord, which is then resolved with the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Passages include:

- Acts 2:1-12
- Isaiah 60:19 (in English and French)
- Psalm 19:1(in English and German)
- Psalm 65:8(in English and Mandarin)
- Psalm 31:21 (in English and Hindi)

Video



Key Quotes

“Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?” (Acts 2:8 NIV)

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“The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.” (Psalm 65:8)

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RECITER	PASSAGE
Reciter #1	When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.
	<i>Reciters #2,3,4 & 5 come onstage and, at a low volume, repeatedly recite their passages all at once in their non-English languages. This is meant to provide a "low-hum" that does not drown out the voice of Reciter #1</i>
Reciter #1	Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 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;
	<i>The low-hum stops as Reciter #2 steps forward</i>
Reciter #2	Béni soit l'Éternel! Car il a signalé sa grâce envers moi, Comme si j'avais été dans une ville forte. (Psalm 31:21 LSG)
Reciter #1	residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
Reciter #3	你奇妙的作为使远在地极的人心生敬畏, 你使日出之地和日落之处都传来欢呼声(Psalm 65:8 CCB)
Reciter #1	Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism);
Reciter #4	Die Himmel erzählen die Herrlichkeit Gottes, und die Ausdehnung verkündigt das Werk seiner Hände. (Psalm 19:1 SCH2000)
Reciter #1	Cretans and Arabs
Reciter #5	दिन के समय में तेरे लिये सूर्य का प्रकाश नहीं होगा और रात के समय में चाँद का प्रकाश तेरी रोशनी नहीं होगी।

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	क्यों क्योंकि यहोवा ही सदैव तेरे लिये प्रकाश होगा। तेरा परमेश्वर तेरी महिमा बनेगा। (Isaiah 60:19 ERV-HI)
Reciter #2	Praise be to the LORD, for he showed me the wonders of his love when I was in a city under siege.. (Psalm 31:21)
Reciter #3	The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.. (Psalm 65:8)
Reciter #4	The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.. (Psalm 19:1)
Reciter #5	The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.. (Isaiah 60:19)
Reciter #1	Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

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