

Sixth Sunday of Easter B

9 May 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On Peter's arrival at Caesarea,
Cornelius, a centurion of the Roman cohort, met him,
and falling at his feet, worshipped him.

But Peter made him get up, saying,
"Stand up; I am only a mortal."

Then Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius,
'I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
but in every nation anyone who fears him
and does what is right is acceptable to him.

While Peter was still speaking,
the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.
The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded
that the gift of the Holy Spirit
had been poured out even on the Gentiles,
for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Then Peter said,
"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people
who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"
So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.
Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

or

R. Alleluia.

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought him victory. **R.**

The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love
And faithfulness to the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,
break forth into joyous song and sing praises. **R.**

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of John

Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
Whoever does not love does not know God,
for God is love.

God's love was revealed among us in this way:

God sent his only Son into the world
so that we might live through him.

In this is love,
not that we loved God but that he loved us
and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:9-17

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you;
abide in my love.

if you keep my commandments,
you will abide in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and abide in his love.

"I have said these things to you
so that my joy may be in you,
and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

"You are my friends if you do what I command you.
I do not call you servants any longer,
because the servant does not know what the master is doing;
but I have called you friends,
because I have made known to you everything
that I have heard from my Father.

"You did not choose me but I chose you.
And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last,
so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.
I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

