

Sixth Sunday of Easter

22 May 2022

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Certain individuals came down from Judea
and were teaching the brothers,

"Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses,
you cannot be saved."

And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension
and debate with them,

Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed
to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question
with the apostles and the elders.

Then the Apostles and the elders,
with the consent of the whole church,
decided to choose men from among their members
and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas.

They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers,
with the following letter:

"The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders,
to the believers of Gentile origin
in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings.

Since we have heard that certain persons who have gone out from us,
though with no instructions from us,

have said things to disturb you and have unsettled your minds,

we have decided unanimously to choose representatives
and send them to you,

along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,
who have risked their lives

for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ

We have therefore sent Judas and Silas

who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth

"For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than these essentials: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood and from what is strangled, and from fornication.

If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.

Farewell."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

or

R. Alleluia.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among nations. ***R.***

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the people with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; Let all the peoples praise you. ***R.***

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; Let all the ends of the earth revere him. ***R.***

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of Revelation

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain

and showed me the holy city Jerusalem
coming down out of heaven from God.
It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel,
like jasper; clear as crystal.

It has a great, high wall with twelve gates,
and at the gates twelve angels,
and on the gates are inscribed the names
of the twelve tribes of the Israelites;
on the east there were three gates,
on the north three gates,
on the south three gates,
and on the west three gates.

And the wall of the city has twelve foundations,
and on them are the twelve names
of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

I saw no temple in the city;
for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.
And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it,
for the glory of God is its light,
and its lamp is the Lamb.

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 14:23-29

A reading from the holy gospel according to John
Jesus said to his disciples:
"Those who love me will keep my word,
and my Father will love them,

and we will come to them and make our home with them.
whoever does not love me does not keep my words;
and the word that you hear is not mine,
but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you.
But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything,
and remind you of all that I have said to you.

"Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.

"You heard me say to you,
'I am going away, and I am coming to you.'
If you loved me,
you would rejoice that I am going to the Father,
because the Father is greater than I.
And now I have told you this before it occurs,
so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.