

Sunday 5 May 2024

## 6th Sunday of Easter

*Liturgical Colour: White. Year: B(II).*

### Readings at Mass

*If the Ascension of the Lord is going to be celebrated next Sunday, the alternative Second Reading and Gospel shown here (which would otherwise have been read on that Sunday) may be used today.*

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**First reading**

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

**The pagans have received the Holy Spirit just as much  
as we have**

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had

accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

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## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97(98):1-4

*The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation.

*The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel.

*The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,  
ring out your joy.

*The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

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**Second reading**

**1 John 4:7-10**

**Let us love one another, since love comes from God**

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows  
God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,  
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed  
when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him;  
this is the love I mean:  
not our love for God,

but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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**Gospel Acclamation**

**Jn14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

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**Gospel**

**John 15:9-17**

**You are my friends if you do what I command you**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments

you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments  
and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you

and your joy be complete.  
This is my commandment:  
love one another, as I have loved you.  
A man can have no greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.  
You are my friends,  
if you do what I command you.  
I shall not call you servants any more,  
because a servant does not know  
his master's business;  
I call you friends,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
You did not choose me:  
no, I chose you;  
and I commissioned you  
to go out and to bear fruit,  
fruit that will last;  
and then the Father will give you  
anything you ask him in my name.  
What I command you  
is to love one another.'

### **Longer Passages**

The readings at Mass are often quite short. The readings in the Office of Readings are longer. If you have time, you may find it interesting to read the longer version and see how it deepens the meaning of what you heard at Mass.