

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

EASTER 6 (YEAR B)

COLLECT

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 10.44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 98



℟. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. (*All repeat*)



Sing to the Lord | a new song,
for he has done mar-^lvellous things.
With his own right hand and with his | holy
arm
he has brought de-^lliverance. ℟.

The Lord has made known his | righteous
love
in the sight of | all mankind,
and his faithful-^lness and truth
toward the | house of Israel. ℟.

All the ends of the | earth have seen
the salvation | of our God.
Let all the world be | glad in him:
Sing, rejoice and | give him thanks. ℟.

SECOND READING

1 Jn 5.1-6

A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood – Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word:
and my Father will love him, and we shall
come to him.

Alleluia.

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives
the water of eternal life: may we thirst for
you, the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and
for ever. **Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

Jn 15.9-17

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved
you. Abide in my love. If you keep my com-
mandments, you will abide in my love, just as
I have kept my Father’s commandments and
abide in his love. These things I have spoken
to you, that my joy may be in you, and that
your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love
one another as I have loved you. Greater love
has no-one than this, that someone lay down
his life for his friends. You are my friends if
you do what I command you. No longer do
I call you servants, for the servant does not
know what his master is doing; but I have
called you friends, for all that I have heard
from my Father I have made known to you.
You did not choose me, but I chose you and
appointed you that you should go and bear
fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that
whatever you ask the Father in my name, he
may give it to you. These things I command
you, so that you will love one another.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

You have called us, Lord, to be your followers
and washed away our sins. Accept our prayers
and offerings, and make us worthy to receive
the sacrament of your love; through Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**