

May 13, 2012
Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

FIRST READING

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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Peter arrived, Cornelius greeted him.
Then he knelt at Peter's feet and started worshipping him.
But Peter took hold of him and said, "Stand up!
I am nothing more than a human."

Peter then said,
"Now I am certain that God treats all people alike.
God is pleased with everyone who worships him
and does right,
no matter what nation they come from."

While Peter was still speaking,
the Holy Spirit took control of everyone who was listening.
Some Jewish followers of the Lord had come with Peter,
and they were surprised
that the Holy Spirit had been given to Gentiles.
Now they were hearing Gentiles
speaking unknown languages and praising God.

Peter said, "These Gentiles have been given the Holy Spirit,
just as we have!
I am certain that no one would dare stop us
from baptizing them."

Peter ordered them to be baptized
in the name of Jesus Christ,
and they asked him to stay on for a few days.

The word of the Lord.

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Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98:1-2, 3cd-4

*All: The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.*

or:

All: Alleluia.

*Sing a new song to the LORD!
He has worked miracles,
and with his own powerful arm,
he has won the victory.
The LORD has shown the nations
that he has the power to save
and to bring justice.*

*All: The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.*

or:

All: Alleluia.

*God's saving power is seen
everywhere on earth.
Tell everyone on this earth
to sing happy songs
in praise of the LORD.*

*All: The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.*

or:

All: Alleluia.

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SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of John

My dear friends, we must love each other.
Love comes from God,
and when we love each other,
it shows that we have been given new life.

We are now God's children, and we know him.

God is love,
and anyone who doesn't love others has never known him.

God showed his love for us
when he sent his only Son into the world to give us life.

Real love is not our love for God, but his love for us.
God sent his Son to be the sacrifice
by which our sins are forgiven.

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GOSPEL

John 15:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have loved you,
just as my Father has loved me.
So make sure that I keep on loving you.
If you obey me,
I will keep loving you,
just as my Father keeps loving me,
because I have obeyed him.

"I have told you this
to make you as completely happy as I am.
Now I tell you to love each other,
as I have loved you.
The greatest way to show love for friends is to die for them.
And you are my friends,
if you obey me."

The Gospel of the Lord.