

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



FIRST READING: *Acts 10:24, 34-35, 44-48*

This is a reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter and some of the other disciples
went to the house of Cornelius.
Cornelius had invited his relatives and friends
to hear Peter speak. Peter said to them,

“I am beginning to see now that it is true;
God does not have favorite people.
Anyone, from any country,
who loves God and lives in God’s ways, is saved.”

As Peter was speaking,
the Holy Spirit came to all those who were listening.
They began speaking in strange languages and praising God.
The Jewish believers who had come with Peter were surprised
that the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to the Gentiles too.
But Peter said,

“If these people have received the Holy Spirit, just as we have,
why shouldn’t they be baptized with water?”

So they were all baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalm 104*

I will praise you as long as I live.
As long as I live, I will praise you, God.

Verses:

1. I praise you, God, for all you do.
For all my life, for all you do.
2. You give us bread to make us strong.
You give us drink to make us glad.

(Repeat Response after each Verse.)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Love one another. . .as I have loved you.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Love one another, as I have loved you.

GOSPEL: *John 15:9-14*

This is a reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus said to his disciples,

I love you

just as God loves me.

Live always in my love.

If you keep my commandments,

you are living in my love.

I am telling you this

so that you may be completely filled

with my joy.

This is my commandment:

love one another

just as I have loved you.

There is no greater love

than to give your life for your friends.

And you are my friends

if you do what I tell you.

The commandment I am giving you is this:

love one another.

This is the Good News of the Lord.

ASCENSION



FIRST READING: *Acts 1:3-5, 8-11*

This is a reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

After Jesus died and rose,
he appeared to his apostles many times
to show them that he was really alive.
They saw him, and he talked to them about the reign of God.
He told them not to leave Jerusalem,
but to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said,

“I have told you about this promise.
John baptized with water, but in a few days,
you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.
The Holy Spirit will give you power
to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judaea,
in Samaria and all over the world.”

After he said this, Jesus was taken up to heaven.
And even though they couldn't see him any more,
the disciples stayed there staring into the sky.
Two men, dressed in white robes, appeared to them and said,

“Jesus has been taken up to heaven,
but he will come back to you.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalm 104*

Send us your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth!

Verse:

May your glory last forever. May you rejoice in all we do!