

## Readings: Easter Feria

### First Reading: 15:7-21

*It is my judgment, therefore, that we ought to stop troubling the Gentiles who turn to God.*

After much debate had taken place,  
Peter got up and said to the Apostles and the presbyters,  
“My brothers, you are well aware that from early days  
God made his choice among you that through my mouth  
the Gentiles would hear the word of the Gospel and believe.  
And God, who knows the heart,  
bore witness by granting them the Holy Spirit  
just as he did us.  
He made no distinction between us and them,  
for by faith he purified their hearts.  
Why, then, are you now putting God to the test  
by placing on the shoulders of the disciples  
a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear?  
On the contrary, we believe that we are saved  
through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they.”  
The whole assembly fell silent,  
and they listened  
while Paul and Barnabas described the signs and wonders  
God had worked among the Gentiles through them.

After they had fallen silent, James responded,  
“My brothers, listen to me.  
Hymen has described how God first concerned himself  
with acquiring from among the Gentiles a people for his name.  
The words of the prophets agree with this, as is written:

After this I shall return  
and rebuild the fallen hut of David;  
from its ruins I shall rebuild it  
and raise it up again,  
so that the rest of humanity may seek out the Lord,  
even all the Gentiles on whom my name is invoked.  
Thus says the Lord who accomplishes these things,  
known from of old.

It is my judgment, therefore,  
that we ought to stop troubling the Gentiles who turn to God,  
but tell them by letter to avoid pollution from idols,  
unlawful marriage, the meat of strangled animals, and blood.  
For Moses, for generations now,

has had those who proclaim him in every town,  
as he has been read in the synagogues every sabbath.”

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**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10**

R./ Proclaim God’s marvelous deeds to all the nations. or: Alleluia.

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all you lands.

Sing to the Lord; bless his name.

R./ Proclaim God’s marvelous deeds to all the nations. or: Alleluia.

Announce his salvation, day after day.  
Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R./ Proclaim God’s marvelous deeds to all the nations. or: Alleluia.

Say among the nations: The Lord is king.  
He has made the world firm, not to be moved;  
he governs the peoples with equity.

R./ Proclaim God’s marvelous deeds to all the nations. or: Alleluia.

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**Gospel Reading: John 15:9-11**

*Remain in my love, that your joy might be complete.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“As the Father loves me, so I also love 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 joy might be in you and  
your joy might be complete.”

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