

# Readings: 6th Sunday of Easter - B -

## First Reading Introduction: God's Love Open to All

God's sign to Peter and the Church that believers from paganism are accepted and loved by God is that the Holy Spirit comes down on pagans too.

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

As Peter was about to enter, Cornelius went to him, fell on his knees and bowed low. But Peter lifted him up saying, "Stand up, for I too am a human being."

Peter then spoke to them, "Truly, I realize that God does not show partiality, but in all nations he listens to everyone who fears God and does good."

Peter was still speaking when the Holy Spirit came upon all who listened to the Word. And the believers of Jewish origin who had come with Peter were amazed. "Why! God gives and pours the Holy Spirit on foreigners also!" For indeed this happened: they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter declared, "Can we refuse to baptize with water these people who have received the Holy Spirit, just as we have?" So he had them baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. After that they asked him to remain with them for some days.

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**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4**

**R/ The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

**or: Alleluia.**

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done wondrous deeds;  
his right hand has won victory for him,  
his holy arm.  
**R/ The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

**or: Alleluia.**

The LORD has made his salvation known:  
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.  
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness  
toward the house of Israel.  
**R/ The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

**or: Alleluia.**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation by our God.  
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;  
break into song; sing praise.  
**R/ The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

**or: Alleluia.**

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## Second Reading Introduction: God Loves Us; So, We Love One Another

God loves us so much that his love took a human form in Jesus Christ. Since that time our love for one another is the sign of God's love and of his presence among us.

Second Reading: [1 Jn 4:7-10](#)

My dear friends, let us love one another for love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Those who do not love have not known God, for God is love.

How did the love of God appear among us? God sent his only Son into this world that we might have life through him.

This is love: not that we loved God but that he first loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

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## Gospel Introduction: Love One Another As I Have Loved You

Jesus loves us and wants us to stay in his love and joy by keeping his commandments of loving one another.

Gospel Reading: [Jn 15:9-17](#)

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; remain in my love. You will remain in my love if you keep my commandments, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you all this, that my own joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this, to give one's life for one's friends; and you are my friends if you do what I command you.

"I shall not call you servants any more, because servants do not know what their master is about. Instead I have called you friends, since I have made known to you everything I learned from my Father.

"You did not choose me; it was I who chose you and sent you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. And everything you ask the Father in my name, he will give you.

"This is my command, that you love one another."

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