SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. I will give thanks to you O Lord among the people I will sing praises to you among the nations For your steadfast love is great Is great to the heavens and your faithfulness, Your faithfulness to the clouds

Be exalted of God above the heavens \setminus (2) Let your glory be over all the earth

2. It is good to thank you Lord and to praise your name with music To proclaim your love and mercy in the morning For your deeds have made me glad At your works I shout in triumph Yes how wonderful and how marvelous are your desians.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest. and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer: you are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too. since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be

baptised in the name of Jesus Christ, Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-4. R) cf. v.2

- R. The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.
- 1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R)
- The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R)
- 3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. John

4:7-10

God is love.

My dear people. let us love one another

since love comes from God

and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed

when God sent into the world his only Son

so that we could have life through him;

this is the love I mean:

not our love for God.

but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn. 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:9-17 A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me. so I have loved 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 own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends. if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more. because a servant does not know his master's business: I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last: and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (All bow)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

We offer you, O Lord Divine
Our humble gifts of bread and wine
We place them on your altar, Lord today
Make them worthy of your love
Send your blessings from above
Sanctify these gifts, O Lord we pray

O take our hearts, take our minds Take all we have make them Thine, O Lord Take all we have, O Lord.

COMMUNION HYMNS

The Spirit lives to set us free walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity, walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the light, (3) walk in the light of the Lord.

- 2. Jesus promised life to all.

 The dead were wakened by his call.
- 3. He died in pain on Calvary to save the lost like you and me.
- 4. We know his death was not the end He gave his Spirit to be our friend.
- 5. By Jesus's love our wounds are healed The Father's kindness is revealed.
- 6. The Spirit lives in you and me. His light will shine for all to see.

Cause me to come, cause me to drink, cause me to live.

- 2. Speak, Lord, your word, I am listening to you (3)
 Speak to my mind, speak to my will,
 speak to my heart.
- 3. Feed me, O Lord, with your body and blood (3)
 Strengthen my mind, strengthen my will,
 strengthen my heart.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace, The mountains and the hills will break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field Will clap, will clap their hands.

- And all the trees of the field will clap their hands
 (3)
 (while you go out with joy!)
- 2. And all the birds of the sky will chirp and sing (3)
- 3. And all the angels of heavens will flap their wings (3)

PRAYER FOR THE NEW CHURCHES ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL - ABU DHABI

Oh merciful God, creator of heaven and earth, we give you thanks and honor, for the grace you have showered upon your people, of all nations and races, to come together in love and unity, to worship you in this place and to live in harmony.

Oh Lord, bless this nation and its rulers for having

allowed us to build new structures to gather in your name. We humbly pray, grant us the material resources and expertise to build the new and worthy places of worship.

Lord, may these ventures be filled with the power of your Holy Spirit that nothing comes in the way of its fulfillment.

Lord, bless and protect all those whose generosity and hard work accompany the projects.

Mother Mary, warm the hearts of everyone involved in building a house to worship your son!

St. Joseph Patron of our Parish, Pray for us Glory be.....