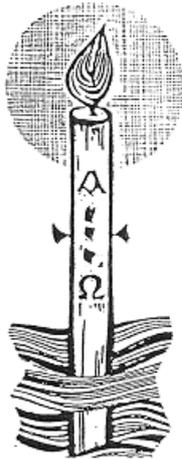


SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Come, praise the Lord, the almighty,
the King of all nations!
Tell forth his fame, O ye peoples,
with loud acclamations!
His love is sure;
faithful his word shall endure,
steadfast through all generations!
2. Praise to the Father most gracious,
the Lord of creation!
Praise to his Son, the Redeemer
who wrought our salvation!
O heav'nly Dove,
Praise to thee, fruit of their Love.
Giver of all consolation!



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.)
2. 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!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!'

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;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead,

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

1. Fill my house unto the fullest.
Eat my bread and drink my wine.
The love I bear is held from no-one.
*All I own and all I do
I give to you.*
2. Take my time unto the fullest.
Find in me the trust you seek,
and take my hands to you outreaching.
3. Christ our Lord with love enormous
From the cross his lesson taught
- to love all men as I have loved you.
4. Join with me as one in Christ-love.
May our hearts all beat as one,
and may we give ourselves completely.

COMMUNION HYMNS

1. Love is his word, love is his way
feasting with men, fasting alone.
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is his way.
*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
better than splendour and wealth.*
2. Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at the table, host to the Twelve,
love, only love, is his mark.
3. Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
"This is my body, this is my blood,"
love, only love, is his sign.
4. Love is his sign, love is his news,
"Do this," he said, "lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood"
love, only love, is his news.



1. Jesu, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.
2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Saviour of mankind!
3. O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind thou art!
How good to those who seek!
4. But what to those who find? Ah! this
Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is
None but his lovers know.
Jesu, our only joy be thou,
As thou our prize wilt be;
Jesu, be thou our glory now,
And through eternity.

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour, all the day long,* } 2
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Saviour, am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!
2. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou art Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.
