

Daily Reading for Sunday, May 9th, 2021

Reading 1, Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

²⁵ and as Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, fell at his feet and did him reverence. ²⁶ But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'after all, I am only a man!' ³⁴ Then Peter addressed them, 'I now really understand', he said, 'that God has no favourites, ³⁵ but that anybody of any nationality who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. ⁴⁵ Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on gentiles too, ⁴⁶ since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, ⁴⁷ 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' ⁴⁸ 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.

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

¹ [Psalm] Sing a new song to Yahweh, for he has performed wonders, his saving power is in his right hand and his holy arm.

² Yahweh has made known his saving power, revealed his saving justice for the nations to see, ³ mindful of his faithful love and his constancy to the House of Israel. The whole wide world has seen the saving power of our God.

⁴ Acclaim Yahweh, all the earth, burst into shouts of joy!

Reading 2, *First John 4:7-10*

⁷ My dear friends, let us love one another, since love is from God and everyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever fails to love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is the revelation of God's love for us, that God sent his only Son into the world that we might have life through him. ¹⁰ Love consists in this: it is not we who loved God, but God loved us and sent his Son to expiate our sins.

Gospel, *John 15:9-17*

⁹ I have loved you just as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. ¹² This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. ¹³ No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends, if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I shall no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know the master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; so that the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ My command to you is to love one another.