**Reading for Sixth Sunday of Easter - B**

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

25 and as Peter reached the house [Cornelius](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=3382) 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](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) has no favourites, 35 but that anybody of any nationality who fears him and does what is [right](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=10046) is acceptable to him. 44 While Peter was still speaking the [Holy Spirit](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5854) came down on all the listeners. 45 Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the [Holy Spirit](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5854) should be poured out on [gentiles](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5057) 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](https://www.catholic.org/prayers/sacrament.php?id=1) to these people, now they have received the [Holy Spirit](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5854) just as we have?' 48 He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of [Jesus](https://www.catholic.org/clife/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](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=10046) hand and his holy arm.

2 Yahweh has made known his saving power, revealed his saving [justice](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6550) 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](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) and everyone who loves is a child of [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) and knows God. 8 Whoever fails to love does not know God, because [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) is love. 9 This is the [revelation](https://www.catholic.org/bible/book.php?id=73) of God's love for us, that [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) sent his only Son into the world that we might have [life](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=7101) through him. 10 Love consists in this: it is not we who loved God, but [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) 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](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) 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](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=7101) 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](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) last; so that the Father [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) give you anything you ask him in my name. 17 My command to you is to love one another.