

**Readings for May 5, 2024**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year B**

**\*THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**FIRST READING • Acts 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

**PSALM 98**

- 1 Sing a new song to God,  
    who has done marvelous things,  
    whose right hand and holy arm  
    have won victory.
- 2 God has made known victory;  
    and displayed righteousness in the sight of nations.
- 3 God will remembers mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,  
    and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 4 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
    lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 5 Sing to God with the harp,  
    with the harp and the voice of song.
- 6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
    shout with joy before God, the Most High.
- 7 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
    the lands and those who dwell therein.

8 Let the rivers clap their hands,  
let the hills ring out with joy  
before God,  
9 who comes to judge the earth.  
In righteousness, God shall judge the world  
and the peoples with equity.

**SECOND READING • 1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

**\*GOSPEL • John 15:9-17**

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."