

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.*

**COLLECT**

Grant, almighty God,  
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,  
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,  
and that what we relive in remembrance  
we may always hold to in what we do.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** Psalm 97

**RESPONSE:** *The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

Or **Alleluia!**

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** 1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John.

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**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** John 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,  
together with the sacrificial offerings,  
so that, purified by your graciousness,  
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another  
Paraclete,  
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,  
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament  
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

