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Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

First Reading

Isaiah 55.1-11

The LORD says this:

Everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy
and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast,
sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations
that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD
your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.
Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he

is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous
their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on
them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways
higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do
not return there until they have watered the earth, making it
bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to
the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that
which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Psalm 98

Refrain: The Lord has made known his salvation.

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, ♦
for he has done marvellous things.

2 His own right hand and his holy arm ♦
have won for him the victory.

3 The Lord has made known his salvation; ♦
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the
nations.

4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel, ♦
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our
God. **R**

5 Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; ♦
break into singing and make music.

6 Make music to the Lord with the lyre, ♦
with the lyre and the voice of melody.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn ♦
sound praises before the Lord, the King. **R**

8 Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, ♦
the world and all that dwell upon it.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands ♦
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord, for he
comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world ♦
and the peoples with equity.

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Second Reading

Acts 10.44-48

While Peter was 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.

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.'