



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf Isa 48:20

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

**FIRST READING** 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 Page 602

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

**The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.**

★ 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’m 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 favourite, 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 if 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.** ✠



**Responsorial Psalm**

**The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> letter of St John. 4:7-10 page 603

**God is love.**

✚ 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.** ✚



Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Page604 15:9-17

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.**

✚ Jesus said to his disciples: “As the Father has loved me, so have I 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 told you. As 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 anymore, 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.** ✦



**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.** ✦

