Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 6, 2018

First Reading: Acts 10:34-48, Holy Bible, pages 1710-1711

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Act 10:34 Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism
Act 10:35 but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right.
Act 10:36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.
Act 10:37 You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—
Act 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.
Act10:39 “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree,
Act 10:40 but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.
Act 10:41 He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
Act 10:42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.
Act 10:43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”
Act 10:44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.
Act 10:45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles.
Act 10:46 For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said,
Act 10:47 “Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.”
Act 10:48 So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

Lector: The Word of the Lord ***People: Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 98, Holy Bible, page 935-936

Ps 98:1 Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Ps 98:2 **The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

Ps 98:3 He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Ps 98:4 **Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;**

Ps 98:5 make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

Ps 98:6 **with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the LORD, the King.**

Ps 98:7 Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Ps 98:8 **Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;**

Ps 98:9 let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-8, Holy Bible, page 1903

1John 5:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.

1John 5:2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.

1John 5:3 This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,

1John 5:4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

1John 5:5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

1John 5:6 This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

1John 5:7 For there are three that testify:

1John 5:8 the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

People: (Please Stand)

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 15:9-17, Holy Bible, page 1677

John 15:9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

John 15:10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

John 15:11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

John 15:12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:14 You are my friends if you do what I command.

John 15:15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

John 15:17 This is my command: Love each other.

Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated: