

**SACRED HEART
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9 May 2021**

The reading from Acts today represents another great turning point in the history of the Church, which needs to be considered. It is somewhat obscured by the first sentence which starts in the middle of the story and raises the questions, Which house? Who is Cornelius?

Cornelius was a Roman centurion at Caesarea, a devout man, who had a vision that he was to send for a man called Peter. At about the same time Peter had a vision that showed him that dietary rules about clean and unclean food were no longer to be observed as all God's creation is clean. This is the person and the truth that Peter talks about here. And more generally, God does not have favorites but all are acceptable to him.

The Jewish Christians who were with Peter were amazed that the Spirit came down upon these 'pagans'. Their status as the Chosen People had been superseded, as the Psalm response says. 2R reprises the words of the Gospel of Lent4 and shows the universality of God's love for all people, and the Gospel does the same, although it was addressed only to Jews. Jesus did speak to non-Jews at several times during his life, and was reproached for it, but the realisation celebrated in 1R had to wait until after the Resurrection. The magnitude of this is not to be underestimated, particularly for the Jewish Christians for whom it was personal, but also for those of us who are disciples today. The inclusivity of Christ prompted a Scottish friend of mine to remark "God's favorite color is tartan!"

Organ Prelude: Allein Gott in der Hoh' sei Ehr (Glory to God) by JS Bach

Introductory Rites

Opening Song: God welcomes all (Bell)

**GOD WELCOMES ALL, STRANGERS AND FRIENDS.
GOD'S LOVE IS STRONG AND IT NEVER ENDS.**

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Glory to God: Mass of Joy and Peace (Alonso)

**GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD,
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,
AND ON EARTH PEACE, ON EARTH PEACE,
PEACE TO PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL.**

We praise you, we bless you,
We adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD ...

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy of us.

GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD ...

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

**GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD,
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,
AND ON EARTH PEACE, ON EARTH PEACE,
PEACE TO PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL. AMEN.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Psalm 98: (Jakob)

**The Lord has revealed to the nations,
has revealed his saving power. (2)**

Second Reading:

Gospel Greeting: Easter Alleluia (Bob Hurd)

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Confirmation of 2 Candidates at 9.00am Mass

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises (Candidates only)

Laying on of hands

Anointing with Chrism

God fill your lives to overflowing,
And give you grace to share
All that you are and are becoming
Through love and care.

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Universal Prayer

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts & Altar: Christians let us love one another

**Christians, let us love one another,
As we share the true living bread.
Jesus is our God and our brother;
With his flesh and blood we are fed.
Ev'ryone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life. God is love.**

**We who break this bread are one body,
We who share this cup are all one.
Children of our Father in heaven,
We are heirs with God's only son.
Ev'ryone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life. God is love.**

**We who eat and drink at this table
Die and rise again with our Lord.
Drawing from our Rock living water
Giv'n to all who thirst for accord.
Ev'ryone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life. God is love.**

**On the path of life we may falter,
Earthly food alone leaves us weak;
Always you invite from the altar,
"Hungry souls their food here must seek."
Ev'ryone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life. God is love.**

**Wheat and grape incarnate a myst'ry:
Jesus is the true living bread.
Let us eat with joy and thanksgiving,
Trusting in the word he has said.
Ev'ryone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life. God is love.**

**Jesus is the vine, we the branches;
We are grains of wheat, Christ the bread.
Those who eat this bread live forever,
One with Christ, our Lord and our Head.
Ev'ryone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life. God is love.**

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Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Resurrection (Randall DeBruyn)

Holy, Holy – We proclaim your Death – Amen

Communion Rite

Our Father

Lamb of God: Mass of Resurrection (Randall DeBruyn)

Communion Song: Bread for the world (Farrell)

**BREAD FOR THE WORLD: A WORLD OF HUNGER.
WINE FOR ALL PEOPLES: PEOPLE WHO THIRST.
MAY WE WHO EAT BE BREAD FOR OTHERS.
MAY WE WHO DRINK POUR OUT OUR LOVE.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life,
broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain.
Where we divide your people, you are waiting there
on bended knee to wash our feet with endless care.**

BREAD FOR THE WORLD: A WORLD OF HUNGER ...

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wine of peace,
poured into hearts once broken and where dryness sleeps.
Where we are tired and weary, you are waiting there
to be the way which beckons us beyond despair.**

BREAD FOR THE WORLD: A WORLD OF HUNGER ...

**Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to your feast,
at which the rich and pow'rful have become the least.
Where we survive on others in our human greed,
you walk among us begging for your ev'ry need.**

BREAD FOR THE WORLD: A WORLD OF HUNGER ...

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Closing Song: Go out to the whole world (Jakob)

Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News!

GO OUT TO THE WHOLE WORLD, PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS!

O praise the Lord, all you nations,

Acclaim God, all you peoples. (2)

GO OUT TO THE WHOLE WORLD, PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS!

GO OUT TO THE WHOLE WORLD, PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS!

Strong is God's love for us;

the Lord is faithful for ever. (2)

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Organ Recessional: 'Cortege' from Three Improvisations by Louis Vierne