

Welcome to
Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

May 8-9, 2021
6th Sunday of Easter!

Today's readings find meaning and strength in Saint John's texts. The main rule that calls the disciples to Christ is undoubtedly the commandment to love. Those who love give their lives for others, as Jesus did; those who do not love do not know God, because God is love. This fount of new life—love—compelled Peter to open the gates of the community to all the foreigners who believed in God, Cornelius and the gentiles. The bond of communion in the risen Jesus that both Peter and Paul share sent them forth to announce the Gospel to all who wanted to hear it.

Today's readings motivate us to reflect on the theme of the Father's unconditional love, through his Son and in the Holy Spirit, in both the texts prepared for the celebration of the liturgy and also visually, in the environment. In the diversity of the assembly gathered for worship we can discern the unity in the Spirit that brought them together.

Lord have mercy – Christ have mercy – Lord have mercy.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of ___ good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo-ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,
Lord God, hea-ven - ly king, O God, al-migh - ty Fath-er. ___
Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Fa - ther. you take a-way the sins of the world,
have mer-cy on us, ___ you take a-way the sins of the world,
re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at ___ the right hand
of ___ the Fath-er, ___ have mer - cy on us. ___
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fath-er. — A - men, A - men,
 A - men, A - men. _____

Liturgy of the Word

ACTS

Chapter 10

Verses 25-26, 34- 35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, “Get up. I myself am also a human being.”

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.”

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?” He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We respond
with a refrain
from

PSALM

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Verses 1, 2-3,
3-4

Music CPILG

The Lord has revealed to the nations his
sav - ing pow'r, his sa - ving pow'r.

*Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds;
His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.*

R.

*The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed
his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel.*

R.

*All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.*

R.

1st JOHN

Chapter 4

Verses 7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA!

Music CPILG

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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

JOHN

Chapter 15

Verses 9-17

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“As the Father loves me, so I also love 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 joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love 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 no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of the People

Where Charity and Love Prevail



1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail,
 2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear
 3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults
 4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known,
 5. Let us re - call that in our midst
 6. No race nor creed can love ex - clude



There God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
 God's char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
 As we our faults con - fess; And let us love each
 Let all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry
 Dwells God's be - got - ten Son; As mem - bers of his
 If hon - ored be God's name; Our fam - i - ly em -



by Christ's love, By love are we thus bound.
 mind and soul Now love God in re - turn.
 oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
 that we seek, Be ours God's ho - ly peace.
 bod - y joined, We are in Christ made one.
 brac - es all Whose Fa - ther is the same.

Text: *Ubi caritas*; tr. by Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997
 Tune: CHRISTIAN LOVE, CM; Paul Benoit, OSB, 1893–1979
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Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church

The Lord be with you – **And with your spirit.**
 Lift up your hearts - **We lift them up to the Lord.**
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God – **It is right and just.**

Before we sing the “Holy, Holy,” the Priest, in the name of the whole of the holy people, glorifies God the Father in a prayer and gives thanks to God for the whole work of salvation.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of
 hosts... Heav-en and earth_ are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho-san-na_ in the high-est... Ho -
 san - na_ in the high - est...
 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord... Ho-san - na_ in the high-est... Ho -
 san - na_ in the high-est... Ho - san - na
 in the high - est...

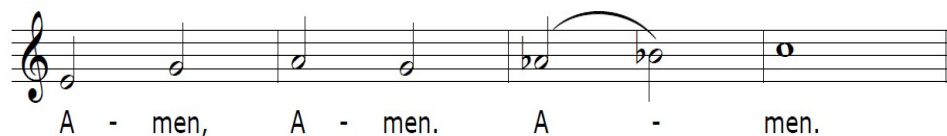
As part of the Eucharistic prayer, we acclaim our faith together.

The mystery of faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this_ Cup,
 we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain.

We respond to
the entire
Eucharistic prayer

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God Almighty Father, in unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.



The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei qui
tollis peccata
mundi

Miserere nobis

Dona Nobis
Pacem

Three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace. Grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

A prayer for all
unable to
physically be
here today.

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

ALLELUIA! LOVE IS ALIVE

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Verses



1. Peo-ple of God, see the morn-ing is new; ♪ rise from your
2. Peo-ple of God, let your fear fall a - way. Your chains have been
3. Peo-ple of God now re - joic-ing in Christ, ♪ car - ry your



1. sleep-ing and run to the tomb. Come and see! Come and
2. bro - ken; a - ban-don your shame. Lift your hearts! Lift your
3. joy to the dark-ness of night. Tell the world! Tell the



1. see! He is a - live! A grave that is emp-ty, a
2. hearts! He is a - live! ♪ Here now is mer-cy em-
3. world! He is a - live! ♪ Hear the good news of this



1. prom-ise ful - filled. God who was with us is here with us
2. brac-ing your soul; here the ful - fill - ment that once was fore-
3. glo - ri - ous day, ev - ery heart sing - ing as heav - en pro -



1. still. He is here! He is here! He is a - live!
2. told. It is true! It is true! He is a - live!
3. claims: He is Lord! He is Lord! He is a - live!

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Love is a - live;



con-quer-ed the grave and de-feat - ed the night. Al - le -



lu - ia! Love is a-live! The Son has a - ris-en for



all. Your peo - ple sing al - le - lu - ia!