

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

9<sup>th</sup> May 2021



## OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation.  
All you who hear, now to His altar draw near,  
Join in profound adoration.

Praise to the Lord, let us offer our gifts at His altar;  
Let not our sins and transgressions now cause us to falter.  
Christ, the High Priest, bids us all join in His feast,  
Gathered with Him at the altar.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily defend us;  
Ponder anew all the Almighty can do,  
He who with love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord, oh let all that is in us adore Him!  
All that has life and breath come now in praises before Him.  
Let the 'Amen' sound from His people again,  
Now as we worship before Him.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

*The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.*

PSALM RESPONSE:

**The Lord has shown His salvation to the nations.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-10

*God is love.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said, 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

*Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.*

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, *(as we say the words in italics, we bow)* 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.**

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*For those who are unable to attend Mass, and for those physically present who are not receiving Holy Communion, we pray a prayer of spiritual communion:*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Holy Virgin, by God's decree,  
You were called eternally;  
That He could give His Son to our race.  
Mary, we praise you, hail, full of grace.

*Ave, ave, ave, Maria.*

Refuge for your children so weak,  
Sure protection all can seek.  
Problems of life you help us to face.  
Mary, we trust you, hail, full of grace.

To our needy world of today  
Love and beauty you portray,  
Showing the path to Christ we must trace.  
Mary, our mother, hail, full of grace.