

Today's Readings
Sunday 5th May
2024
Easter 6

THE COLLECT

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you
renewed your call to
your disciples:
help your Church to
obey your command
and draw the nations to
the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the
Father.

FIRST READING

Acts 10.44-48

While Peter was still
speaking, the Holy Spirit
fell upon all who heard
the word. ⁴⁵ The
circumcised believers
who had come with Peter
were astounded that the
gift of the Holy Spirit had
been poured out even on
the Gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they
heard them speaking in
tongues and extolling
God. Then Peter
said, ⁴⁷ 'Can anyone
withhold the water for
baptizing these people
who have received the
Holy Spirit just as we
have?' ⁴⁸ So he ordered

them to be baptized in
the name of Jesus Christ.
Then they invited him to
stay for several days.

SECOND READING

1 John 5.1-6

Everyone who believes
that Jesus is the
Christ has been born of
God, and everyone who
loves the parent loves the
child. ² By this we
know that we love the
children of God, when
we love God and obey
his commandments.
³ For the love of God is
this, that we obey his
commandments. And his
commandments are not
burdensome, ⁴ for
whatever is born of God
conquers the world. And
this is the victory that
conquers the world, our
faith. ⁵ Who is it that
conquers the world but
the one who believes
that Jesus is the Son of
God?
⁶ This is the one who
came by water and
blood, Jesus Christ, not
with the water only but
with the water and the
blood. And the Spirit is
the one that testifies, for
the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL

John 15.9-17

As the Father has loved
me, so I have loved you;
abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you
keep my
commandments, you will
abide in my love, just as I
have kept my Father's
commandments and
abide in his love. ¹¹ I have
said these things to you
so that my joy may be in
you, and that your joy
may be complete.
¹² 'This is my
commandment, that you
love one another as I
have loved you. ¹³ No one
has greater love than
this, to lay down one's life
for one's friends. ¹⁴ You
are my friends if you do
what I command you. ¹⁵ I
do not call you
servants any longer,
because the servant
does not know what the
master is doing; but I
have called you friends,
because I have made
known to you everything
that I have heard from my
Father. ¹⁶ You did not
choose me but I chose
you. And I appointed you
to go and bear fruit, fruit
that will last, so that the
Father will give you

whatever you ask him in
my name. ¹⁷ I am giving
you these commands so
that you may love one
another.

PSALM 98

¹ O sing to the Lord a
new song,
for he has done
marvellous things.
His right hand and his
holy arm
have gained him
victory.
² The Lord has made
known his victory;
he has revealed his
vindication in the sight of
the nations.
³ He has remembered his
steadfast love and
faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth
have seen
the victory of our God.
⁴ Make a joyful noise to
the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous
song and sing praises.
⁵ Sing praises to
the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the
sound of melody.
⁶ With trumpets and the
sound of the horn
make a joyful noise
before the King, the Lord.

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all
that fills it;
the world and those
who live in it.
⁸ Let the floods clap their
hands;
let the hills sing
together for joy
⁹ at the presence of
the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world
with righteousness,
and the peoples with
equity.

**POST COMMUNION
PRAYER**

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ
gives the water of eternal
life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and
source of goodness,
through him who is alive
and reigns, now and for
ever.