

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year C



*First Reading † Acts 15:1-2.22-29*

*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.*

### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Then some men came down from Judaea and began to teach the brothers,

‘Unless you have yourselves circumcised according to the custom of Moses you cannot be saved.’

As this occasioned disagreement, and no little discussion for Paul and Barnabas with these men, they appointed Paul and Barnabas and some others of the church to go up to Jerusalem and discuss the question with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders, with the whole church, decided to choose delegates from among themselves to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They chose Judas, known as Barsabbas, and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

‘The apostles and elders, your brothers and sisters, greet the brothers of gentile birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some people coming from here, but acting without any authority from ourselves, have disturbed you by their words and have unsettled your minds; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have committed their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm the same things by word of mouth.

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to impose on you any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from illicit marriages. Keep yourselves from these, and you will do well. Farewell.’

The word of the Lord.

*Responsorial † Psalm 66:2-3.5-6.8*

### ***O God, let all the nations praise you!***

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your salvation.

### ***O God, let all the nations praise you!***

Let the nations be glad and shout for joy,  
with uprightness you rule the peoples;  
you guide the nations on earth.

### ***O God, let all the nations praise you!***

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
that all the ends of the earth may revere him.

***O God, let all the nations praise you!***

***Second Reading † Revelation 21:10-14.22-23***

*He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.*

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

In spirit, he carried me to the top of a very high mountain, and showed me the holy city of Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It had the glory of God and glittered like a very precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond.

Its wall was of a great height and had twelve gates; at the gates there were twelve angels, and over the gates were written twelve names, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, and on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I could not see any temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb, and the city has no need of sun or moon to give it light, for the glory of God is its light and its lamp is the Lamb.

The word of the Lord.

***Gospel Acclamation † John 14:23***

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them  
and we will come to them.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Gospel † John 14:23-29***

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Anyone who loves me will keep my word,  
and will be loved by my Father,  
and we shall come  
and make a home in that person.

Anyone who does not love me does not keep my words.  
And the word that you hear is not my own:  
it is the word of the Father who sent me.

I have said these things to you  
while I am still with you;  
but the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you everything  
and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I leave to you,  
my own peace I give you,  
not as the world gives do I give to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:  
I am going away and I am coming to you.  
If you loved me you would be glad  
that I am going to the Father,  
for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now,  
before it happens,  
so that when it does happen  
you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.