

Leader Readings

Call to worship

Psalm 98 p. 818

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. God's right hand and holy arm have gotten the victory.

² **The LORD has declared victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

³ The Lord 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 Ruler, the LORD.**

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it.

⁸ **Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth. The Lord will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

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Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather here today to reflect on Your inclusive love revealed in the Gospel, we pray for open hearts and minds to fully embrace the message of unity and acceptance. May Your grace and compassion guide us as we seek to embody the love that knows no boundaries. Bless this time of worship and reflection, and may Your presence be felt among us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 10:44-48 p. 1005

⁴⁴ 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.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God

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Gospel Lesson

John 15:9-17 p. 985

⁹ 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.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God