

57 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

When the Ascension is celebrated on the following Sunday, the second reading and the gospel given for the Seventh Sunday of Easter (see no. 61) may be used on the Sixth Sunday of Easter.

FIRST READING

Acts 15.1-2, 22-29

It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than what is essential.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- 1 Certain individuals came down from Judea
and were teaching the brothers,
“Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses,
you cannot be saved.”
- 2 And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension
and debate with them,
Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed
to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question
with the apostles and the elders.
- 22 Then the apostles and the elders,
with the consent of the whole church,
decided to choose men from among their members
and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas.
- They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers,
- 23 with the following letter:
“The brothers, both the apostles and the elders,
to the believers of Gentile origin
in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings.
- 24 Since we have heard that certain persons who have gone out from us,
though with no instructions from us,
have said things to disturb you and have unsettled your minds,
- 25 we have decided unanimously to choose representatives
and send them to you,
along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,
- 26 who have risked their lives
for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 27 We have therefore sent Judas and Silas,
who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth.
- 28 “For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us
to impose on you no further burden than these essentials: ➤

29 that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols,
and from blood and from what is strangled,
and from fornication.
If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.
Farewell.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 67.1-2, 4-5, 6-7 (R.1a)

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

or: Alleluia! (Two or three times)

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
2 that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations. R.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you. R.

6 The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.

7 May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him. R.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21.10-14, 22-23

The angel showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down
out of heaven from God.

A reading from the book of Revelation.

10 In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain
and showed me the holy city Jerusalem
coming down out of heaven from God.

11 It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel,
like jasper, clear as crystal.

12 It has a great, high wall with twelve gates,
and at the gates twelve angels,
and on the gates are inscribed the names
of the twelve tribes of the Israelites;

13 on the east there were three gates,
on the north three gates,
on the south three gates,
and on the west three gates.

14 And the wall of the city has twelve foundations,
and on them are the twelve names
of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

22 I saw no temple in the city,
for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it,
for the glory of God is its light,
and its lamp is the Lamb.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14.23

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

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

GOSPEL

John 14.23-29

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

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

23 “Those who love me will keep my word,
and my Father will love them,
and we will come to them and make our home with them.

24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words;
and the word that you hear is not mine,
but is from the Father who sent me.

25 “I have said these things to you while I am still with you.

26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything,
and remind you of all that I have said to you.

27 “Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.



28 “You heard me say to you,
‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’
If you loved me,
you would rejoice that I am going to the Father,
because the Father is greater than I.
29 And now I have told you this before it occurs,
so that when it does occur, you may believe.”
The gospel of the Lord.