

# 6th Sunday of Easter

May 9th, 2021

## Processional Hymn

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

HYFRYDOL

1. Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2. Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er; Let us all your  
 3. Fin-ish then your new cre-a-tion, Pure and spot-less,

1. earth come down! Fix in us your hum-ble dwell-ing; All your  
 2. life re-ceive; Sud-den-ly re-turn and nev-er, Nev-er-  
 3. gra-cious Lord; Let us see your great sal-va-tion Per-fect-

1. faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, source of all com-pas-sion,  
 2. more your tem-ples leave. Lord, we would be al-ways bless-ing,  
 3. ly in you re-stored. Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,

1. Love un-bound-ed, love all pure; Vis-it us with  
 2. Serve you as your hosts a-bove, Pray, and praise you  
 3. Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we sing be-

1. your sal-va-tion, Let your love in us en-dure.  
 2. with-out ceas-ing, Glo-ry in your pre-cious love.  
 3. fore the al-might-y, Lost in won-der, love and praise.

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## First Reading

### Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell

upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

### PSALM 98: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

♩. The Lord has re-vealed to the na-tions his sav-ing pow'r.

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**1** Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

**2** The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness

toward the house of Israel.

**3** All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

## Second Reading

### 1 Jn 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us:

God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

## Gospel

### Jn 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life

for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

## Offertory

### AS A MOTHER CARES

Barbara Bridge

Refrain  
 As a moth-er cares for her child, as she loves and nur-tures and  
 guides, so have I, your God, been with you. I have been be-  
 side you all a-long. I will nev-er for-get my own.

Verses  
 1. Can a moth-er for-get her in-fant, turn a-  
 2. I have held you in arms of mer-cy, as one  
 3. For I formed you in the womb of your moth-er, and your

1. way from the child of her womb? Yet, if she for-gets,  
 2. lifts an in-fant up to his cheek. Though I stooped to feed  
 3. soul is ful-ly known to me. Do not be a-fraid,

1. I will nev-er for-get you. On the  
 2. you, you did not know your heal-er. I have  
 3. I am with you for-ev-er. In the

to Refrain  
 1. palms of my hands I have writ-ten your name.  
 2. fost-ered you with love; my com-pas-sion is great.  
 3. dark-ness of the night I re-main by your side.

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# Communion

## IN CHRIST ALONE

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my light, my  
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in  
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world, by  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of

1. strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,  
 2. help - less babe! This gift of love and righ - teous - ness,  
 3. dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious day,  
 4. Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal breath,

1. firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of  
 2. scorned by the ones that he came to save. Till on that  
 3. up from the grave he rose a - gain! And as he  
 4. Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

1. love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
 2. cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
 3. stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
 4. hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from his

1. cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the  
 2. fied. For ev - ery sin on him was laid; here in the  
 3. me; for I am his and he is mine, bought with the  
 4. hand; till he re - turns or calls me home, here in the

1, Final to Verse 2 | 2, 3 | 3 to Verses 3, 4

1. love of Christ I stand.  
 2. death of Christ I  
 3. pre - cious blood of  
 4. pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

2. live.  
 3. Christ.

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## GOD IS LOVE

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1. God is Love, let heav'n a - dore him; God is Love, let  
 2. God is Love; and love en - folds us, All the world in  
 3. God is Love; and though with blind - ness Sin af - flicts all

1. earth re - joice; Let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him And ex -  
 2. one em - brace: With un - fail - ing grasp God holds us, Ev - 'ry  
 3. hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing kind - ness Guides us

1. alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun - da - tion,  
 2. child of ev - 'ry race. And when hu - man hearts are break - ing  
 3. through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall nev - er

1. God who spread the heav'ns a - bove, God who breathes through  
 2. Un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, Then we find that  
 3. O'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

1. all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 2. self - same ach - ing Deep with - in the heart of God.  
 3. Love for ev - er O'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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