

Sunday 2 May 2027
Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

First Reading - Acts 15.1-2, 4-6, 8-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul and Barnabas

were once again in Antioch, in Syria.

Some disciples arrived from Judea,

and began teaching the believers in Antioch

that unless they kept

the entire law of Moses,

they could not be saved.

Paul and Barnabas

argued against them.

And eventually it was decided

that Paul and Barnabas

would go to Jerusalem

to discuss this question

with the apostles

and the elders,

and that some of the other believers

would go with them.

When the group arrived in Jerusalem,

they were welcomed

by the apostles and the elders,

and by the whole church;

and they reported

all that God was doing

amongst the believers

in Antioch.

But amongst the believers in Jerusalem

were some

who were also loyal

to the Pharisees;

and they insisted

that the believers in Antioch

should be ordered to keep

the entire law of Moses.

So the apostles and the elders

met to consider the matter.

After much debate,

Peter stood up, and said to them,

'It seems that God, who knows every human heart,

has poured out the Holy Spirit upon the Gentiles,

just as God poured out the Holy Spirit upon us.

And in cleansing their hearts by faith,

God has made no distinction between them and us.

Why would we now challenge

what God has done for them,

by placing upon them

a burden so great

that neither our ancestors

nor we ourselves

have been able to bear it?

We have come to believe

that we will be saved

through the grace of the Lord Jesus -

and surely

it is through the grace of the Lord Jesus

that the Gentiles also

will be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - 1 John 4.7-10

A reading from the first letter of John.

My brothers and sisters,

love is from God,

so let us love one another.

Whoever does not love

does not know God.

And whoever does love

does know God,

and is a child of God;

for God is love.

God's love for us

is revealed in this:

that God sent

God's only Son

into the world

to draw us

to fullness of life

in him.

And this is love:

not that we loved God,

but that God loved us,

and sent God's Son

to be the atoning sacrifice

for our sin.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - John 15.9-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you;

now 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.

All this I say

so that you may be

my delight; and your own joy

may be complete.

This is my commandment:

that you love one another, as I have loved you.

And there is no greater love than this:

that you lay down your life

for your friends.

You are my friends, if you keep my commandments.

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.

You did not choose me, but I chose you,

and I appointed you to go and bear fruit,

fruit that will last,

and the Father will give you

whatever you ask in my name.

All of this, I say to you

to direct you

to love one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.