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6th Sunday of Easter

Year B

"Remain in My Love and Bear Fruit"

Today, the Lord Jesus continues to develop last Sunday's idea of union with him as a condition to bear fruits of holiness in our lives. He does so by emphasizing that keeping his "Love Commandment" is the practical way to show the reality of our union with him and to bear fruit.

There is a life-giving relationship between union with Jesus and fruitfulness, fruitfulness and love, love and obedience to God's Commandments. The Eucharist we are about to celebrate is a manifestation of our union with the Lord and among ourselves. It is also a most effective way to strengthen such union whenever we proclaim God's Word, participate in shared prayer, and receive Holy Communion.



INTRODUCTORY RITES



Entrance Antiphon

(To be recited only when no Entrance Hymn is sung.)

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people. Alleluia!

Greeting

P – In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

All–Amen!

P –The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

All–And with your spirit!

Penitential Act

P –Aware of our many failings against the commandment of love of neighbor, let us ask

the Lord's forgiveness and the grace to be more faithful to Him.
(Pause)

P –Lord Jesus, through the apostle St. John, you teach us that a person who does not love knows nothing of God. Lord, have mercy!

All–Lord, have mercy!

P –Lord Jesus, you were sent by the Father that we might have life through you. Christ, have mercy!

All–Christ, have mercy!

P –Lord Jesus, you taught us to love one another as you have loved us. Lord, have mercy!

All–Lord, have mercy!

P –May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All–Amen!

Gloria

All–Glory to God in the high-

est, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen!

Collect (Opening Prayer)

P –Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which

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we keep in honor of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All—Amen!



1st Reading *Acts 10:25-26. 34-35.44-48*

The baptism of the Roman centurion Cornelius and all the members of his household was a landmark not only in their lives, but also in the history of the Church. By opening her doors to non-Jews, the Church began to be universal, that is: the home of all nations and cultures as Jesus intended her to be.

R –A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.”

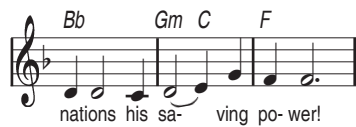
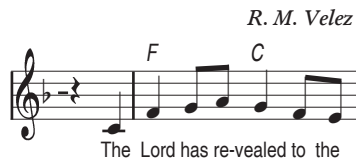
While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues 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.

The Word of the Lord!
All—Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 98*

R –*The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power!*



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

* **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.** *R.*

* **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.** *R.*

2nd Reading *1 Jn 4:7-10*
Today, the apostle St. John reminds us of the essential relationship between authentic love and knowledge of God. He also underlines that Jesus is the greatest manifestation of the Father's love for us.

R –A reading from the First Letter of John

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.

The Word of the Lord!
All—Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation *Jn 14:23*

All—Alleluia! Alleluia!
“Whoever loves me will keep my word,” says the Lord, “and my Father will love him and we will come to him.”
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel *Jn 15:9-17*
By keeping Christ's commandments, the believers become an integral part of the chain of love which binds together the Father and Jesus, Jesus and his disciples, and the disciples among themselves.

P –The Lord be with you!
All—And with your spirit!
P –A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
All—Glory to you, O Lord!

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord!
All—Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Homily

Profession of Faith
(Apostles' Creed)

All—I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen!

Prayer of the Faithful

P —Our life has meaning only if it is characterized by love — a love patterned after the love of the Blessed Trinity for us. Aware of the preciousness of this gift, let us implore the Lord, saying:

All— **God of love, hear our prayer!**

C —For all Christians of all denominations: In their common love for Jesus may they find the inspiration to love one another as he commanded us and to seek the unity for which Jesus prayed, let us pray! *R.*

C —For the Holy Father and all the bishops: May they always be united by the bond of love as Jesus is united with the Father, let us pray! *R.*

C —For all the peoples of the earth: May they understand that only through brotherly love patterned after the example of Christ can they experience genuine progress and lasting peace, let us pray! *R.*

C —For our community and each of its members: May we preserve and increase the atmosphere of fraternal love by overcoming selfishness and all forms of dishonesty, let us pray! *R.*

C —For all religious women and men, and seminarians, may they grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel. Let us pray! *R.*

C —For all the faithful who celebrate the Flores de Mayo in honor of Mary Most Holy: May they imitate the sincerity and purity of our Blessed Mother's love for all, let us pray! *R.*

P —Lord Jesus, may all our actions be done out of love and with love, and thereby make present on earth the love that binds you to the Father and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All— Amen!



Preparation of the Gifts

P —Pray, brethren . . .

All— **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

P —May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.

Through Christ our Lord.

All—Amen!

Preface of Easter V

P —The Lord be with you!

All— **And with your spirit!**

P —Lift up your hearts!

All— **We lift them up to the Lord!**

P —Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

All— **It is right and just!**

P —It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but in this time above all to praise you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

By the oblation of his Body, he brought the sacrifices of old

to fulfillment in the reality of the Cross and, by commending himself to you for our salvation, showed himself the Priest, the Altar, and the Lamb of sacrifice.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

All— **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Memorial Acclamation

P —The mystery of faith!

All— **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again!**



All—Our Father . . .

P —Deliver us, Lord . . .

All— **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

All— **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (2x)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion

P —Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.

All— **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon

(To be recited only when no Communion Hymn is sung.)

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever. Alleluia!

Prayer after Communion

P –Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.
All–Amen!



P –The Lord be with you.
All–And with your spirit!

P –Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing. *(Pause)*
– Through the resurrection of His Son, God has redeemed you and made you His children. May He fill you with joy.
All–Amen!

P –The Redeemer has given you lasting freedom. May you inherit his everlasting life.
All–Amen!

P –By faith you rose with Jesus in baptism. May your lives be holy, so that you will be united with him for ever.
All–Amen!

P –May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
All–Amen!

P –Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life!
All–Thanks be to God!

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Sanaol!

Kalakbay at Katoto

Cornelius comes down to us as a great example of what it means not to hold on to power at all times. Cornelius was not an ordinary man. He was an officer. But he was also more than just an officer and a gentleman. Cornelius surprised everyone, above all Peter, who had to tell him after he knelt down in front of Peter: *“Arise, I am also a human being.”*

Sanaol! I wished we all were a little like Cornelius. He did not hold on to his role, his position, and stayed on his perch of personal power. A Roman Centurion like him, had the courage to step out of his rightful claim to authority and power and knelt down.

Sanaol! We now live in a world filled with self-entitled and spoiled brats. For many years now, psychologists have been sounding the alarm much ahead of COVID-19 about the rise of the so-called narcissism epidemic. This epidemic is behind the sense of false exceptionalism that is now prevalent everywhere in the world, in all imaginable aspects of our individual and social lives. We have self-entitled drivers who think they can “temporarily” park anywhere anytime, even if that means blocking and inconveniencing countless other commuters. The same goes for bikers and e-bike riders who decide on their own to make a counter-flow in the country’s traffic-clogged streets. We now have a problem with parents who think they can dress down teachers because their children were given what they think are very low grades. The list is endless.

Cornelius does have a precious lesson or two for all of us. He did not deliver a discourse. But as the ancient Romans say: VERBA MOVENT; EXEMPLA TRAHUNT (Words may move you, but it is examples that draw you), Cornelius really did lead the way. His whole household was baptized soon after.

Sanaol indeed. We all can do a Cornelius in our lives!

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