

Sunday Scripture 6B

Revised Common Lectionary [Acts 10:44-48](#) • [Psalm 98](#) • [1 John 5:1-6](#) • [John 15:9-17](#)
Catholic Lectionary- Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / Ps. 98:1-4 / 1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Any of these lessons may be found → <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/> Please read more than one translation if possible.

This week we are offered a feast of powerful, challenging invitations to those who seek the Holy One. The reading in Acts helps point us toward an understanding of faith communities being about more than sharing one single view of the Holy. In the Psalm a major tenant of contemporary culture is dismissed- "judging" is wrong, and never the right thing to do. And then in the Epistle, *The Message* paraphrase uses "God-born", to refer to those who follow Jesus and show their love of God by "conquering the world's ways". How does that work? What are those ways? How does Jesus help us to "conquer" them? Finally, in John's Gospel we come across this marvelous *contagion of love*: Jesus loves us because, or as He is loved by the Holy One. Love seems to always and only be something we "catch" from others.

This is an overwhelmingly rich set. Please do what feeds your soul.

See you Friday, 12:40 – 1:40. (new day and time)

Reflection Questions:

1. Which 2 -3 phrases sound the most "holy" to you, and in some way help connect you to the Holy One?
2. So, what do you make of this image of God (in the Psalm) as one who judges, yet not harshly, without doing damage, but healing with mercy and equity?
3. *The Message* paraphrase uses the "God-born" in 1 John, to refer to those who follow Jesus and show their love of God by "conquering the world's ways." How does that happen?
4. What is your experience or understanding of the Holy Spirit, and "Jewish believers", as you find them in the Acts reading?
5. In John's Gospel, the "*contagion of love*" suggests that love is always, only something we "catch" from others. How do you find this in your life?
6. What about these lessons causes you to wonder? question?
7. To what is God calling you this week?
8. What is your prayer for this week?

Acts 10:44-48 JB Phillips

44-46a While Peter was still speaking these words **the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to his message.** The **Jewish believers** who had come with Peter were absolutely amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit was being poured out on Gentiles also; for they heard them speaking in foreign tongues and glorifying God. 46b-47 Then Peter exclaimed, "Could anyone refuse water or object to these men being baptized—men who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did ourselves?" 48 And he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they asked him to stay with them for some days.

Psalm 98 The Saint Helena Psalter

1 Sing a new song to God *
who has done marvelous things.
2 With your right hand and your holy arm *
you have won for yourself the victory.
3 You have made known your victory; *
your righteousness have you openly shown
in the sight of the nations.
4 You remember your mercy and
faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
5 Shout with joy to God, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
6 Sing to God with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout w/ joy before God who reigns in mercy.
8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in
it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.
9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before God,
when he comes to judge the earth.
10 God shall judge the world in
righteousness* and the peoples with equity.

1 John 5:1-6 The Message

1-3 Every person who believes that Jesus is, in fact, the Messiah, is God-born. If we love the One who conceives the child, we'll surely love the child who was conceived. The reality test on whether or not we love God's children is this: Do we love God? Do we keep his commands? The proof that we love God comes when we keep his commandments, and they are not at all troublesome. 4-5 Every God-born person conquers the world's ways. The conquering power that brings the world to its knees is our faith. The person who wins out over the world's ways is simply the one who believes Jesus is the Son of God. 6-8 Jesus—the Divine Christ! He experienced a life-giving birth and a death-killing death. Not only birth from the womb, but baptismal birth of his ministry and sacrificial death. And all the while the Spirit is confirming the truth, the reality of God's presence at Jesus' baptism and crucifixion, bringing those occasions alive for us. A triple testimony: the Spirit, the Baptism, the Crucifixion. And the three in perfect agreement.

John 15:9-17 La Biblia de las Américas

Como el Padre me ha amado, así también yo os he amado; permaneced en mi amor.
10 Si guardáis mis mandamientos, permaneceréis en mi amor, así como yo he guardado los mandamientos de mi Padre y permanezco en su amor. 11 Estas cosas os he hablado, para que mi gozo esté en vosotros, y vuestro gozo sea perfecto. 12 Este es mi mandamiento: que os améis los unos a los otros, así como yo os he amado. 13 Nadie tiene un amor mayor que este: que uno dé su vida por sus amigos. 14 Vosotros sois mis amigos si hacéis lo que yo os mando. 15 Ya no os llamo siervos, porque el siervo no sabe lo que hace su señor; pero os he llamado amigos, porque os he dado a conocer todo lo que he oído de mi Padre. 16 Vosotros no me escogisteis a mí, sino que yo os escogí a vosotros, y os designé para que vayáis y deis fruto, y que vuestro fruto permanezca; para que todo lo que pidáis al Padre en mi nombre os lo conceda. 17 Esto os mando: que os améis los unos a los otros.