

# May 21, 2017

## Sixth Sunday of Easter Lectionary: 55

### Reading 1 [Acts 8:5-8, 14-17](#)

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

### Responsorial Psalm [Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20](#)

R. (1) **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with**

**joy.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!"

Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him.

He rules by his might forever.

R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me.

Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

### Reading 2 [1 Pt 3:15-18](#)

Beloved:

Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing

evil.

and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

For Christ also suffered for sins once,  
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,  
that he might lead you to God.  
Put to death in the flesh,  
he was brought to life in the Spirit.

**Alleluia [Jn 14:23](#)**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says  
the Lord,  
and my Father will love him and we will  
come to him.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel [Jn 14:15-21](#)**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me, you will keep my  
commandments.

And I will ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate to be  
with you always,  
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot  
accept,

because it neither sees nor knows him.

But you know him, because he remains with  
you,  
and will be in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to  
you.

In a little while the world will no longer see  
me,  
but you will see me, because I live and you  
will live.

On that day you will realize that I am in my  
Father  
and you are in me and I in you.

Whoever has my commandments and  
observes them  
is the one who loves me.

And whoever loves me will be loved by my  
Father,