**Psalm 98**

**A psalm.**

**1**Sing to the Lord a new song,  
    for he has done marvelous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm  
    have worked salvation for him.  
**2**The Lord has made his salvation known  
    and revealed his righteousness to the nations.  
**3**He has remembered his love  
    and his faithfulness to Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen  
    the salvation of our God.

**4**Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,  
    burst into jubilant song with music;  
**5**make music to the Lord with the harp,  
    with the harp and the sound of singing,  
**6**with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn—  
    shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

**7**Let the sea resound, and everything in it,  
    the world, and all who live in it.  
**8**Let the rivers clap their hands,  
    let the mountains sing together for joy;  
**9**let them sing before the Lord,  
    for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness  
    and the peoples with equity.

**1st New Testament Reading – Acts 10:34-48**

**34**Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism **35**but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. **36**You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. **37**You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— **38**how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

**39**“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, **40**but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. **41**He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. **42**He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. **43**All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**44**While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. **45**The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. **46**For they heard them speaking in tongues[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=acts+10&version=NIV#fen-NIV-27306b)] and praising God.

Then Peter said, **47**“Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” **48**So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

**2nd New Testament Reading – 1 John 5:1-8**

**Faith in the Incarnate Son of God**

**5**Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. **2**This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. **3**In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, **4**for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. **5**Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

**6**This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. **7**For there are three that testify: **8**the[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+john+5&version=NIV#fen-NIV-30633a)] Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

**Gospel Reading – John 15:9-17**

**9**“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. **10**If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. **11**I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. **12**My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. **13**Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. **14**You are my friends if you do what I command. **15**I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. **16**You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. **17**This is my command: Love each other.