

John 15:9-17

from the Common English Bible

⁹“As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. ¹²This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than to give up one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I don’t call you servants any longer, because servants don’t know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You didn’t choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. ¹⁷I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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¹Sing to the Lord a new song because he has done wonderful things! His own strong hand and his own holy arm have won the victory!

²The Lord has made his salvation widely known; he has revealed his righteousness in the eyes of all the nations.

³God has remembered his loyal love and faithfulness to the house of Israel...

every corner of the earth has seen our God’s salvation.

⁴Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!

Be happy! Rejoice out loud! Sing your praises!

⁵Sing your praises to the Lord with the lyre - with the lyre and the sound of music.

⁶With trumpets and a horn blast, shout triumphantly before the Lord, the king!

⁷Let the sea and everything in it roar; the world and all its inhabitants too.

⁸Let all the rivers clap their hands; let the mountains rejoice out loud altogether ⁹before the Lord because he is coming to establish justice on the earth! He will establish justice in the world rightly; he will establish justice among all people fairly.

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 10:44-48

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⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell on everyone who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles.

⁴⁶They heard them speaking in other languages and praising God. Peter asked, ⁴⁷“These people have received the Holy Spirit just as we have. Surely no one can stop them from being baptized with water, can they?” ⁴⁸He directed that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited Peter to stay for several days.