

**Year B; Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Liturgical Elements**  
**Developed for May 5, 2024**  
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**Lectionary Texts**

- Acts 10:44-48
- Psalm 98
- 1 John 5:1-6
- John 15:9-17

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 98*)

One: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

**All: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

**All: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

One: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

One: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

**All: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy**

One: at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

**All: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity. Let us worship the LORD, our God!**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*alternate, from Psalm 98*)

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One: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

**All: Let us worship God!**

**CALL TO CONFESSION** *(from 1 John 5)*

For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. We, though, tend to follow our own commandments and our own terms, which lead to death. Let us confess our sin before God.

**CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(from 1 John 5)*

**Almighty God, you offer a way of life described in your commandments that leads to the conquering of the world; they are not burdensome or unnecessary. Through them, you are building the Kingdom of Heaven, which offers abundant life. We, though, like to follow our own ways and to choose which commandments we might follow — working to build our faulty kingdoms and not your perfect kingdom. Forgive our sin, and continue to mold us into people of your kingdom. In the name of the one who showed such love and obedience that he laid down his life for all. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(from 1 John 5)*

Our faith, says John, is the victory that conquers the world — a faith of one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. Let us put our trust in the Son, follow him, and know that we are forgiven. Amen.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(from Acts 10)*

**Gracious God, your love is all encompassing. You sent your Son to lay his life down for all of us; what greater love could there be? After leading the Israelites and preparing them to give birth to faith in you into the rest of humanity, you poured out your Holy Spirit not only on the Israelites but, also, on the Gentiles — even people such as us. With thankfulness for opening your love to people such as us, we give these tithes for your work on earth in the name of our Savior, Jesus the Messiah. Amen.**

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