

## LECTIONARY READING - May 15, 2022

### Acts 11:1-18 Revised Standard Version

#### Peter's Report to the Church at Jerusalem

**11** Now the apostles and the brethren who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"

<sup>4</sup> But Peter began and explained to them in order: <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, something descending, like a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came down to me. <sup>6</sup> Looking at it closely I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup> But I said, 'No, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup> But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has cleansed you must not call common.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven.

<sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesare'a. <sup>12</sup> And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brethren also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

<sup>13</sup> And he told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.'

<sup>15</sup> As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?"

<sup>18</sup> When they heard this they were silenced. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance unto life."

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### Revelation 21:1-6 Revised Standard Version

#### The New Heaven and the New Earth

**21** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; <sup>3</sup> and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,<sup>[a]</sup> and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup> he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the fountain of the water of life without payment.