

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.

Some Jewish believers had come with Peter. They were amazed because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. They heard them speaking in languages they had not known before. They also heard them praising God.

Then Peter said, "Surely no one can keep these people from being baptised with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have."

So he ordered that they be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

*Here ends the reading*

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.*

Jesus said, "Just as the Father has loved me, I have loved you. Now remain in my love.

If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love. In the same way, I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that you will have the same joy that I have. I also want your joy to be complete.

Here is my command. Love one another, just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than the one who gives their life for their friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.

I do not call you slaves anymore. Slaves do not know their master's business. Instead, I have called you friends. I have told you everything I learned from my Father. You did not choose me. Instead, I chose you. I appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit that will last. I also appointed you so that the Father will give you what you ask for. He will give you whatever you ask for in my name.

Here is my command. Love one another.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ*