

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, May 9, 2021 –
Sixth SUNDAY IN EASTER**

PSALM: Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O Lord, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the
nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house
of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who
comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The Lord will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity

READING: 1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of
God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this
we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and
obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey
his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome,
⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the
victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers
the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not
with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the
Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

