

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 26, 2019



THE LESSON Acts 16:9-15

⁹A vision of a man from Macedonia came to Paul during the night. He stood urging Paul, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" ¹⁰Immediately after he saw the vision, we prepared to leave for the province of Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We sailed from Troas straight for Samothrace and came to Neapolis the following day. ¹²From there we went to Philippi, a city of Macedonia's first district and a Roman colony. We stayed in that

city several days. ¹³On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the riverbank, where we thought there might be a place for prayer. We sat down and began to talk with the women who had gathered. ¹⁴One of those women was Lydia, a Gentile God-worshipper from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth. As she listened, the Lord enabled her to embrace Paul's message. ¹⁵Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, "Now that you have decided that I am a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house." And she persuaded us.

THE RESPONSE Psalm 67

Let God grant us grace and bless us; let God make his face shine on us, *Selah*

²so that your way becomes known on earth, so that your salvation becomes known among all the nations.

³Let the people thank you, God! Let all the people thank you!

⁴Let the people celebrate and shout with joy because you judge the nations fairly and guide all nations on the earth. *Selah*

⁵Let the people thank you, God! Let all the people thank you!

⁶The earth has yielded its harvest. God blesses us—our God blesses us!

⁷Let God continue to bless us;

let the far ends of the earth honor him.

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

¹⁰He took me in a Spirit-inspired trance to a great, high mountain,

and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. . . .

²²I didn't see a temple in the city,

because its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. ²³The city doesn't need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because God's glory is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day, and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. ²⁷Nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is vile and deceitful, but only those who are registered in the Lamb's scroll of life.

²²Then the angel showed me the river of life-giving water, shining like

crystal, flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb ²through the middle of the city's main street. On each side of the river is the tree of life, which produces twelve crops of fruit, bearing its fruit each month. The tree's leaves are for the healing of the nations. ³There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵Night will be no more. They won't need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine on them, and they will rule forever and always.

THE GOSPEL John 14:23-29

²³Jesus answered, "Whoever loves me will keep my word. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever doesn't love me doesn't keep my words. The word that you hear isn't mine. It is the word of the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have spoken these things to you while I am with you. ²⁶The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you.

²⁷"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don't be troubled or afraid. ²⁸You have heard me tell you, 'I'm going away and returning to you.' If you loved me, you would be happy that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than me. ²⁹I have told you before it happens so that when it happens you will believe."

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