Reading

Acts 10:1, 33-34a, 37-44

The Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners.

- A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
- One of the centurions of the Italica cohort stationed in Caesarea was called Cornelius.
- He said to Peter, 'I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come.

 Here we all are, assembled in front of you to hear what message God has given you for us.'
- Then Peter addressed them:
- You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism.
- God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him,

 Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.
- Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree,
- yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen,
- not by the whole people
 but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand.
 Now we are those witnesses
 we have eaten and drunk with him
 after his resurrection from the dead —
- and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead.

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- It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'
- While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. The word of the Lord.