

## SECOND READING OPTION # 2 [Acts 10:34-43]

**Instructions for Reader:** *Please sit next to the center aisle so that it is not necessary for you to pass awkwardly through a row of people on your way up to do the reading. In the beginning of the funeral Mass, after the casket is placed in the sanctuary by the Altar and the musicians have stopped playing and singing, the priest will pray the opening prayer and the congregation will respond, "Amen." Immediately, as all the people sit down you should walk up the center aisle until you reach the step up into the sanctuary. Stop. Genuflect (bend the right knee to the ground). Step up. Go over to the pulpit to your left (the big wooden 'booth' with the microphone), adjust the microphone to be close to your lips and read slowly and clearly. Pause at the // symbol (which is also a good time to catch your breath in the course of your reading.).*

**Reader:** A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. // Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. // Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. // You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, // what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, // how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. // He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. // We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and (in) Jerusalem. // They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. // This man God raised (on) the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, // the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. // He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. // To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." The Word of the Lord.

*After you finish the reading and the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God," be careful stepping down from the pulpit. Please return to that very spot in front of the sanctuary, where you initially proceeded toward the pulpit, facing the Tabernacle and Crucifix. Genuflect. Return to your seat.*