

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 22, 2022

Gospel

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Whoever loves me will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him and make our
dwelling with him.

Whoever does not love me does not keep
my words;
yet the word you hear is not mine
but that of the Father who sent me.

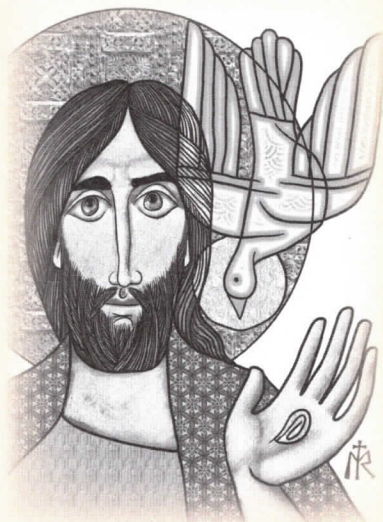
“I have told you this while I am with you.
The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all that I told you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to
you.

Not as the world gives do I give it to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or
afraid.

You heard me tell you,

‘I am going away and I will come back
to you.’



If you loved me,
you would rejoice that I am going to the
Father;
for the Father is greater than I.
And now I have told you this before it
happens,
so that when it happens you may
believe.”

Readings for the week:

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Rev 21:10-14,
22-23
John 14:23-29

Monday

Acts 16:11-15
Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4,
5-6a and 9b
John 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34
Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 7c-8
John 16:5-11

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22-
18:1
Ps 148:1-2, 11-12,
13, 14
John 16:12-15

Thursday

Acts 18:1-8
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab,
3cd-4
John 16:16-20

Friday

Acts 18:9-18
Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
John 16:20-23

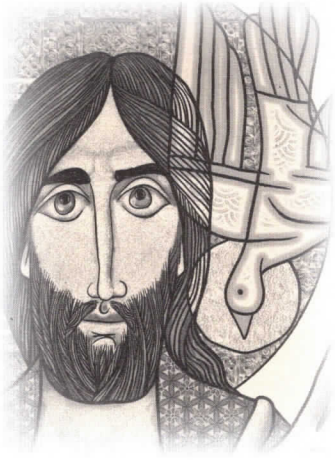
Saturday

Acts 18:23-28
Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10
John 16:23b-28

Sunday

Ascension

Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Eph 1:17-23 or
Heb 9:24-28;
10:19-23
Luke 24:46-53



Opening Prayer

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

In today's gospel Jesus continues to speak reassuring words about love. He knows the unspoken questions in the hearts of his disciples—not only those around the Last Supper table, but all those of future generations. How will we be able to do what we heard Jesus tell us last Sunday: love one another as he has loved us? “Whoever loves me will keep my word,” says Jesus, and this word is what he has received from the Father who sent him. Obedience and love are bound together, not by any external law, but by the love that Jesus lived and now speaks to our hearts from the depths of his heart. He is in our hearts, to be loved freely, without compulsion. Jesus is present and loved when his disciples remember his words and release them from the past by allowing them to make a claim on their present and their future.

Nostalgia for what life was like when Jesus was present in first-century Palestine imprisons us in the past. The new way of remembering him will be powerful, real, and yet invisible, as present as the life-giving air we breathe. Jesus names this *Parakletos*, the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit. The word *parakletos* has been variously and richly translated as “encourager,” “advocate,” “counselor.” The Holy Spirit is all of these for Jesus's disciples, individually, and corporately as church. The Spirit is both conservative and creative, the memory and future of the church, enabling us to reach back to the memory of what Jesus said and did and bring this to that life, which is constantly renewed with new understanding and experience of his mystery. The Holy Spirit makes connections, establishes unlikely partnerships, and breaks down barriers between people—if we are open and welcoming to the Spirit's advocacy for this in us.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. You offer us the gift of your peace. May we graciously accept this peace into our hearts and readily share it with others as we remain faithful to your Gospel and the way of life to which we are called. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

- Which areas of your life are in greatest need of peace? How can you continue to invite the Holy Spirit into these areas?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the “Opening Prayer” (in *The Roman Missal* called the “collect”).
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully “Reflecting on Living the Gospel” and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to “For Reflection.”
5. Pray the “Closing Prayer.”

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Announcements
05/21/22 to 05/22/22

Financials: 05/09/22 – 05/15/22

Weekly Collection Goal \$2400	Total \$2366.00 Short \$34.00	
In Church	\$	1336.00
Mail In	\$	00.00
On Line Giving	\$	1030.00

This weekend, Second Collection for Catholic Communication Campaign. This helps the Catholic Communications Campaign to evangelize and connect people of the world to Christ through the internet, television, radio, and print media. A percentage of your generous donations are kept here in the Diocese of Honolulu to fund local communication efforts.

Bread Report from Kathy ~

With a total of 20 volunteers we baked 311 loaves of sweet bread. Mahalo to ALL!

Our Net Profit including miscellaneous donations \$1,378.56.

Our next bread day with baking to start Monday, June 20 at 3:30pm and pick up on Tuesday 8:00am - 12:00noon.

Second Collection next weekend is for Maintenance Fund.

Have a Blessed Week!