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5th Easter Sunday

FAITH SHARING

Today's readings show us the effects of the abiding presence of God in His Church and of His indwelling in each one of us.

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, tells us how the Holy Spirit, indwelling in the Church, helped the apostles to solve a major doctrinal problem about the Gentiles becoming Christians, which shook the very foundation of the early Church.

The second reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, describes the Church as the Heavenly Jerusalem which replaces the holy presence of God in the *Holy of Holies* in the Temple in Jerusalem. This New Jerusalem is a city united in love, with the victorious Jesus residing in it and in each of its members.

The Gospel passage reminds us that the Holy Spirit, abiding within us, is our Teacher, our Advocate, and the Source of our peace and joy. The passage offers a vision of hope as well. Jesus promises his followers that the Holy Spirit will come and instruct them in everything they need to know.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**



ENTRANCE HYMN (John 13:34-35)

V. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. Alleluia.

R. This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. Alleluia.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Gospel

JN 13:31-33A, 34-35

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once.

My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn

001 Hymn of Faith

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

159 Jesus, My Lord and Saviour

Communion Hymn

221 Turn Your Eyes to Jesus

Recessional Hymn

224 Amazing Grace

SECOND COLLECTION:

6/5 – For the Mission Fund

6/19 – Father's Day – For the Clergy Pension Fund

7/3 – For the Mission Fund

8/7 – For the Mission Fund

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, May 15

5 Easter Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, May 22

6 Easter Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Thursday, May 26

Solemnity - Ascension of the Lord

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, May 29

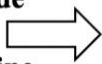
7 Easter Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Tom Goff, Donald Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Jan Cherneski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Michal Mularczyk, Jane Aldorshoff, Elizabeth McAlanis

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

WHAT IS EASTER SEASON FOR? AND WHAT COMES NEXT?

For Christians, Easter is not just one day - it's a season of 50 days, a week of weeks, derived in its length from the **fifty days between Passover and Pentecost** (which means fiftieth) in Judaism. Easter season begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends with Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.

The first eight days of the Easter Season are known as the Octave of Easter. Easter is the greatest Christian feast, so great, in fact, that it cannot be celebrated adequately on a single one day. All eight days from Easter Sunday to the Second Sunday of Easter are considered solemnities, the Church's highest ranking feast, and each day is celebrated with festivity and joy. Easter season is more than an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season when persons who wished to become Christians were learning how to live the way of Jesus and preparing for baptism on Easter Sunday. Christians have referred to this time of formation as "catechesis" or "echoing the way of Jesus." The original purpose of the Easter season was to continue the formation of new Christians in the faith. Christians have historically referred to this formation process as "mystagogy" or "leading people into the mysteries."

Today, this extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what we mean when we say Christ is risen and that we, as the church, are the body of the Risen Lord. It's a season for focusing on the core doctrines and mysteries of the faith and for preparing for the ministries the Spirit has empowered us to undertake in Jesus' name.

The Easter Liturgical Color. The liturgical color for the Easter Season is white. Gold is not a liturgical color, but it may be used to accent the white. Together, they are symbols of joy and glory, as well as the Resurrection.

The Easter Liturgical Word. The special word for the Easter Season is Alleluia. It is used for the dismissal from Mass, and it is added to the antiphons and responses for the Liturgy of the Hours. It is only found in the Book of Revelation (19:1,3,4,6), and it is an exclamation of great joy that means "Praise God!" the sentiment of the Easter Season.

The Major Easter Symbol. The foremost symbol of Easter is the Christ Candle, also known as the Easter Candle or the Paschal Candle. It represents the Risen Christ who is the Light of the World. The candle is given a prominent location during the Easter Season, usually in the sanctuary or somewhere in the front of the church, and after Pentecost it is moved back to its usual place.

The season after Pentecost begins with Trinity Sunday and concludes with Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday. The purpose of this season is to support our common work of using the gifts we have been given in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

