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6th 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. O God, let all the nations praise you!

ENTRANCE HYMN (Romans 15:13, Ephesians 2:17)

V. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia.

R. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 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 14:23-29

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

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."

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

Hail Thee Festival Day

Communion Hymn

O breathe on Me oh Breath of God

Recessional Hymn

Creator Spirit by Whose Aid

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 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

Sunday, June 5

Solemnity - Pentecost

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.

ASCENSION OF JESUS

The Bible Story of the *Ascension of Jesus*, found in the first chapter of Acts, describes the ascent of Christ from the Earth to the Heavenly realm. According to Acts, the ascension of Jesus takes place 40 days after the resurrection in the presence of his disciples. Christ is risen up after advising them to stay in Jerusalem until the arrival of the Holy Spirit. As he raises, a cloud obscures him from their view, and two men in white arrive to tell them that he will return "in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." In Christian doctrine, the ascension is correlated with the deification of Jesus, meaning that through his ascension, Jesus took his seat at the right hand of God: "He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty."

WHY IS THE ASCENSION OF JESUS SO IMPORTANT TO CHRISTIANS?

For many Christians and churches, Easter is the end of the celebrating. We tend to forget or just skim over the essential part of the story where Jesus ascended back into heaven. We might even hear that today is Ascension Day and think, "why does that matter for me at all?" or wonder what this day even means.

It's not enough to celebrate the Risen Lord on one spring Sunday and then forget about what comes next. The ascension is crucial, and it's life-changing and eternity-changing for us as believers. On the Ascension Day, may we reflect on how the crucifixion, the resurrection, and the ascension of our Savior Jesus Christ changed the whole course of our lives and changed our world forever. May we celebrate that our Lord is reigning from heaven as the one true King, and may we rejoice that we have the Holy Spirit as our ever-present advocate. May we eagerly await His return and fervently share the Gospel until He does.

FIVE WAYS THE ASCENSION OF JESUS BENEFITS US:

It establishes Jesus as the reigning king over all powers in all ages.

It gives us access to God's throne for mercy and grace.

It provides an Advocate on earth whose presence is limitless.

It gives us the spoils of Christ's victory-- gifted leaders and spiritual gifts.

It keeps us longing for his return.



MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for _____

Date requested _____

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