

## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### *THE GOSPEL John 14:23-29*

*And we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.*

The  
Risen Lord  
had to  
go away from earth.

Yet he loved the Apostles so much  
that he could not lose them from his life.  
He would place his Spirit  
deep within  
them.

And within us.

O Holy Spirit,  
teacher of all good, remind us  
of what Jesus said and did, and who he is.  
Let our hearts be untroubled and fearless as we take  
your compassion everywhere it's needed in our world today:  
the prisoners, the unhoused, the climate crisis, Ukraine,  
and to everyone suffering  
from bias

**THE FIRST READING Acts 15:1-2, 22-29**

***It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us  
not to place on you any burden.***

Come, O Holy Spirit.  
Lead us to your home, the one within us.  
Discern for each of us, as you did for each apostle,  
untold truths.

Be the fire that never dies,  
the wind that lifts us—raising us high,  
on wings that set us  
free.



**THE SECOND READING Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23**

***The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it.***

O  
Christ,  
you are the temple.  
God's glory lights your altar.  
Make us merely candles, please;  
let us glow in this world,  
right here, right now,  
in the dimness  
of our day.

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**REFELCTION:**

As we continue through Eastertide, the readings at Sunday Mass turn towards the Holy Spirit. In Jesus's Farewell Discourse to his disciples ([Gospel](#)), he announces that he is to

return to his Father, and tells them not to be afraid or troubled: he will still be with them through the Holy Spirit. Jesus also bestows on them the gift of his peace.

In the **First Reading**, we see how, despite the differences between members of the early Christian Church, the community was guided by the Holy Spirit in coming to decisions.

The **Second Reading** shows the transformation that has been brought about by the death and resurrection of Christ; the new Jerusalem is in perfect order and needs no temple, because God is already in union with God's people, dwelling in them.

In a song of thanksgiving, the **Psalmist** asks God to bless everyone, and for God's ways and saving help to be known to all.

This week, let us pray for peace for all nations, especially for the people of Ukraine, eastern Europe, Yemen, Syria and Palestine, as well as for ourselves. I may also ask that I share Christ's word with those I encounter through my actions.

