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SUNDAY 22 MAY 2022

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Smile at the people around you in church.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

COLLECT

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do...



FIRST READING ACTS 15:1-2, 22-29

Some people thought that because Jesus and the first Christians were Jewish, everyone who became a Christian had to follow Jewish traditions. On the other hand, Paul believed that it should be possible to become a Christian without first

becoming a Jew. This led to some very heated discussions among the early church. Today we hear how both sides got together and listened to each other. While there are some simple rules to follow, everyone is welcome to follow Jesus.

We say these words or sing a hymn as the priest approaches the altar.

We ask for God's help. Listen now to the priest as he offers this prayer.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. The first Christians disagree among themselves, but listen to each other and find a solution.

The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. God makes all creation new!

We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 66

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Or Alleluia!



SECOND READING APOCALYPSE 21:10-14, 22-23

Gosh, heaven will be wonderful! We know that heaven isn't a physical place, but John uses lots of amazing symbols to help us understand just how fabulous it will be. Jerusalem has been the holy city for Jewish people and so John uses

imagery which will help his readers understand. The twelve tribes of Israel are referenced, but this new Jerusalem will be so much more special than anything anyone has known before. Heaven will be lit with the glory of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him." Alleluia!



DO YOU KNOW?

Pax Christi, which means the Peace of Christ in Latin, is an international Catholic movement for peace. Inspired by faith, the members of Pax Christi are working to build a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in any form. Find out more at paxchristi.org.uk



THINK

Thursday 26 May is the feast of The Ascension of the Lord. The ascension is a part of the resurrection and tells us that Jesus has a new life now, which he shares with God the Father. Now the Holy Spirit can come and be with us always, just as Jesus promised.





GOSPEL JOHN 14:23-29

The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St John.

If we love Jesus, we will do as he asks. When we live in love, God lives in us and will be with us. Although Jesus has to leave the world, he is going to send his Holy Spirit so that his friends will never be alone. We do not need to be worried or afraid,

Jesus is giving us the gift of his peace. Only Jesus can give us peace that lasts. We are glad that Jesus is going to be with God the Father and know the Holy Spirit will help us to grow in our understanding and love of God.

STAND to LISTEN to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel.

Before he reads the Gospel, what does he do to his forehead, his lips and his heart? Can you copy him?

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. This is a prayer you could say privately.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for those who are working for peace. Help us all to free the world from violence, by choosing to speak and act with kindness. Lord, hear my prayer.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about any time this week when you were worried and then think about a time when you felt calm and peaceful. Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

What can you give special thanks for today?



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for giving me your peace. Help me to share your love and peace with everyone I meet today. Amen.



We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.



PRAY

"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

Tell Jesus about anything which is making you feel anxious. Ask a grown up for help if you need it. Then trust Jesus and enjoy his peace.



DO

Find out about some Jewish traditions, like the foods that are kosher, "fit" and "proper" to eat.



IXΘΥΣ

is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God's)
- Υ (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)

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