



17 May 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Holy Spirit is our helper.

Caring Conversations

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Who has been helpful to you this past week? In what ways have you helped others?

2

Jesus called the Holy Spirit our helper or counsellor. What does the Holy Spirit help us to do?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	John 14:15-21	The promise of the Holy Spirit
M	John 14:23-27	The Spirit will teach you
T	John 16:5-16	The work of the Holy Spirit
W	1 Peter 3:13-22	You are blessed
T	Acts 1:1-11	The ascension of Jesus
F	Acts 17:22-31	God commands people to repent
S	Psalms 66:8-20	Praise be to God
S	John 17:1-11	Jesus prays for his disciples

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Jesus you are Lord of our hearts, help us to be gentle and respectful of others so they see you alive in us. Amen.

BLESSING

May God give you the Holy Spirit as a helper and guide.

Easter

In the season of Easter we celebrate how Jesus appeared to many after his resurrection. WHITE or GOLD are the colours of Easter and represent victory, resurrection and eternal life.

Creative Response

This Thursday is Ascension Day. This marks the last appearance of Jesus to the disciples after his resurrection at Easter, and his bodily ascension into heaven. It is the fortieth day after Easter Sunday and always falls on a Thursday.

The book of Acts (1:12) suggests that Jesus' ascension took place from Mt. Olivet, located northeast of the town of Bethany.

Plan a trip (by car or foot) to a 'high place' in your area. While there, discuss what it might have been like to see Jesus ascend into heaven, and what you think his return at the end of time might be like.

Take time to notice the clouds and see what shapes you can find (there is an old tradition that the clouds on Ascension Day take the form of lambs, in honour of the Lamb of God).

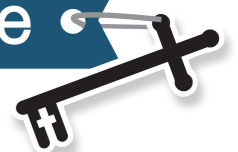
mealttime prayer

Come Holy Spirit, be our guest and let this food to us be blessed. Amen.

verse for the week
Then I will ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit who will help you and always be with you. The spirit will show you what is true.

JOHN 14:16-17A

Service



The Holy Spirit is our helper. How can we show ways to help others this week? Make a list and put it on the fridge to remind you.

