

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



Sixth Sunday of Easter

14 May 2023 - Year A

"I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate."

Something to Think About

What does love 'look' like?

What does love 'feel' like?

What does love 'sound' like?

The Story

Jesus tells his disciples that, if they love him, they will do what he asks of them. What does Jesus ask of them, and of us? Jesus asks us to love others, forgive others, be helpful, respect others. Jesus tells them they don't have to do this alone. The Holy Spirit will always be with us as a helper. These words are a great comfort, for they assure us that God is always with us.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me, you will do as I command. 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.

The people of this world cannot accept the Spirit, because they don't see or know him.

But you know the Spirit, who is with you and will keep on living in you.

I won't leave you like orphans. I will come back to you.

In a little while the people of this world won't be able to see me, but you will see me.

And because I live, you will live.

Then you will know that I am one with the Father.

You will know that you are one with me, and I am one with you.

"If you love me, you will do what I have said, and my Father will love you. I will also love you and show you what I am like."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

Click to watch the video and sing along! [I'm Trusting You](#)



Group Discussion

The Spirit comes to us as a helper and as an advocate. Discuss the meaning of the word 'advocate'.

Ask the young people to name some of their advocates and helpers.

Who can you help this week?

Praying For Others

Leader: Trusting in God's love and encouragement, we pray for the needs of the world.

Reader 1: We pray for all those who help us. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for orphans and for those who cannot be with their parents. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray that we will do what Jesus has asked of us. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray that we will trust the Holy Spirit to help and guide us. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray for peace in our minds and hearts. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to our prayers in the name of the risen Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Lord God,
We thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to help us and to show us how to follow Jesus each day.
Amen.

Group Activity

Love in Action – Helping Hearts Wreath

You will need: paper plates, construction paper, string or pipe cleaner, marker pens, glue and/or tape, scissors, stickers for decorating (optional)

1. In the middle of paper plate, write with marker pen "What does LOVE look like?"
2. Cut heart shapes of various sizes out of different colours of construction paper.
3. On each one, write/draw an action that will show love for God and others.
4. Glue or tape the hearts around the plate to create a wreath.
5. Decorate as desired and attach string or pipe cleaner to hang.



**JESUS SAID:
 'MY FATHER WILL
 LOVE YOU AND
 I WILL LOVE YOU'**



**SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THE
 WORD 'LOVE' TWELVE
 TIMES IN THIS PUZZLE**

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