

MAY 25, 2025
SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER



The Holy Spirit will teach Jesus' followers.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 14:23-29	The sending of the Counselor
Monday	Acts 16:9-15	Paul travels to Macedonia
Tuesday	Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5	River of life
Wednesday	Numbers 6:22-27	Blessing for the people
Thursday	Acts 1:1-11	Jesus is taken up to heaven
Friday	Hebrews 12:14-17	Life in peace
Saturday	Psalms 67	Tell the nations to praise God
Sunday	John 17:20-26	Jesus prays for his disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.'" John 14:23 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Ever-present God, your love and peace never end; we thank you for your promise to be with us always, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come Holy Spirit, on us to rest, our table to grace, and our food to bless. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's face shine upon you. (Psalm 67:1)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

I've Got Peace Like a River



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Who is one of your favorite teachers?
- Jesus said the Holy Spirit would teach his followers. How do think that would happen?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 14:23-29.

Jesus promises that he and his Heavenly Father will make a home with Jesus' disciples. That home is based on a love between Jesus, his Father, and the followers of Jesus. Disciples of Jesus do not simply receive a message from Jesus as though they are learning a lesson in school. Jesus' message teaches followers about a love relationship with Jesus that gives them the Heavenly Father and leads them into the world with peace and hope, not fear and anxiety. Jesus' disciples were understandably worried because they have just learned that Jesus is leaving them. Jesus' response to their fears and anxieties is that they will receive the Holy Spirit who will teach them all they need to know, everything that Jesus has taught them. It is a way to promise an ongoing relationship with Jesus. When we feel lost or alone, Jesus' words are a love letter that brings us comfort and confidence as his followers.

Discuss: How can Jesus comfort you and give you peace when you feel lost or alone?

Pray: **Gracious God, we thank you for your loving presence that promises us peace and confidence in place of our fears and anxieties through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help a person when they feel afraid or troubled?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Numbers 6:24-26 is a traditional benediction many recognize: *"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."* Psalm 67 is very similar. A Benediction is a prayer offering God's help and protection. Benediction means *"good word"* and is also called a blessing. This week practice a ritual blessing every night before closing your eyes.

Say: **May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.** (Psalm 67:1)

