

# Liturgy Alive of 6th Dunday of Easter

6th Sunday of Easter (A)

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Date: Sunday, 29 May, 2011

Year: I

Cycle: A

Season: Easter

Vestment: White

Psalter: Week II

Liturgical Calendar

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## THEME

A. If You Love Me... The Spirit Will Come

B. Open Your Heart To The Breath Of God

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

## COMMENTARY

Bible Diary ? Diario Bíblico

Preaching ? Sundays Into Silence

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Greeting (See the Gospel)

“I will not leave you orphans,” says Jesus,  
“but my Father will give you  
the Spirit of truth.”  
May the Spirit of our Lord be always with you.

Introduction by the Celebrant (Two Options)

A. If You Love Me... The Spirit Will Come

We are Christians, people who follow Christ. What makes us sure that we really love him? Jesus tells us today: "If you love me you will keep my commandments." And we know that his commandment is: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and your neighbor as yourself. Today Jesus promises us the Holy Spirit, who will make us see what we have to do to love God and our neighbor and who will give us the strength to do so. Let us ask Jesus present here to give us this Spirit of insight and strength.  
(or)

#### B. Open Your Heart To The Breath Of God

When an exemplary head of a family dies, it is a great consolation for his wife and friends if his ideals and style of life keep living in his children. "He keeps inspiring them," they say. Jesus is not dead, for he died and rose again, yet he is no longer physically among us. But his very own Spirit is still with us, like a breath, the wind, even a storm. Where he blows we feel him without seeing him. He touches our hearts and moves us forward to love and serve as Jesus did, to give warmth to this cold world, to renew us and our Church and our world through our hands and hearts. We pray that this Spirit be alive in us.

#### Penitential Act (Two Options)

##### A. If You Love Me... The Spirit Will Come

We are still far from loving God with all our heart  
and our neighbor as ourselves.

We ask the Lord to forgive us.

(PAUSE)

Lord Jesus, if we really love you,  
we listen to the Spirit

telling us how to love and serve God well:

Lord, have mercy. R/ Lord, have mercy.

Jesus Christ, if we really love you

we let the Spirit guide us

to invent new ways to love those around us:

Christ, have mercy. R/ Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, if we really love you

we let the Spirit inspire us

to become more like you:

Lord, have mercy. R/ Lord, have mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord,

and forgive us all our sins.

Pour out your Spirit of light over us

and lead us to everlasting life. R/ Amen.

(or)

##### B. Open Your Heart To The Breath Of God

Is the breath of the Spirit moving us,

or do we let sin paralyze us?

Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

(PAUSE)

Lord, let your Spirit of truth inspire us  
to make us honest with God,  
with ourselves and with people:  
Lord, have mercy. R/ Lord, have mercy.  
Jesus Christ, let your Spirit of freedom inspire us  
to bring true liberation to our brothers and sisters:  
Christ, have mercy. R/ Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, let your creative Spirit of love move us  
to form communities in which we share  
our hope for a better world:  
Lord, have mercy. R/ Lord, have mercy.  
Have mercy on us, Lord,  
and let your Spirit take our sins away.  
Let him make us faithful and strong  
on the way to everlasting life. R/ Amen.

### Opening Prayer

Let us pray in hope  
that the Holy Spirit may be poured out on us  
(PAUSE)

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son has promised  
not to leave us orphans.  
Give us the Holy Spirit of Truth,  
to be with us and to live in us,  
that we may know where are we going  
and that we may follow Jesus Christ  
on his way to you and to people.  
May this Spirit kindle in us  
the love of Jesus,  
that we make the Good News of his love  
visible and tangible to all.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/ Amen.

### **First Reading Introduction:** They Received The Holy Spirit

When a non-Jewish community was founded in Samaria, the Holy Spirit confirmed this important step in the life of a universal Church, for he came down on the Samaritans.

### **Second Reading Introduction:** Suffering With The Mentality Of Christ

Peter encourages the Christians who suffer persecution and misunderstanding. Bear witness to your faith, he says, and accept sufferings with the mentality of Christ. Then you will overcome with him.

### **Gospel Introduction:** The Father Will Give You The Spirit

Christ promises his Holy Spirit to help us believe and live our faith, and so live in the love of the Father and the Son.

### **General Intercessions**

Faithful to the command of the Lord who calls us to love all people, let us be united in prayer with Jesus our Lord, and say to him: R/ Lord, give us your Spirit.

- That the Spirit of strength may be given to all who have to bear witness to the hope alive in us, let us pray: R/ Lord, give us your Spirit.
- That the Spirit of power may be given to those who are persecuted for following their consciences and standing up for their integrity, let us pray: R/ Lord, give us your Spirit.
- That the Spirit of light may be given to those who do not yet know the Lord and to those who fail to follow him, let us pray: R/ Lord, give us your Spirit.
- That the Spirit of light may be given to those who know him and to those to be confirmed, let us pray: R/ Lord, give us your Spirit.
- That the Spirit of love may be given to those who want to grow in the love of God and people, let us pray: R/ Lord, give us your Spirit.
- That the Spirit of unity may be given to all who share in this Eucharist with faith and understanding, let us pray: R/ Lord, give us your Spirit.

Lord Jesus, pour out your Holy Spirit on our world and our Church generously. Let him lead us forward in hope and help us to build our future with you, for you are our Lord for ever. R/ Amen.

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son promised us  
not to leave us orphans  
but to be with us always.

Let your spirit of power and truth  
change these gifts into your Son  
present here in our midst.

Through the Holy Spirit of love  
create us anew and give us fresh hope  
that we can do your liberating will  
and live in your love for ever. R/ Amen.

### **Introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer**

Moved by the Holy Spirit, let us with joy give thanks to the Father.

Introduction to the Lord's Prayer  
Guided by the Holy Spirit of Jesus,  
we pray with our Lord  
his prayer to the Father in heaven.

### **Introduction to the Lord's Prayer**

“No one can go to the Father  
except through me,” said Jesus.  
Let us go then, with our prayer to the Father  
in the words of Jesus himself.

### **Deliver Us**

Deliver us Lord, from every evil  
and keep your Church free from persecution.  
When we suffer for our faith,  
let your Spirit of truth help us  
to bear witness to you without fear,  
with the courage of him  
whose body could be killed  
but whose spirit stayed alive,  
our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### **Invitation to Communion**

This is Jesus Christ,  
our Risen Lord who said:  
Those who obey my commandments  
are the ones who love me;  
and those who love me  
will be loved by my Father  
and I too will love them.  
Happy are we to be loved by our Lord  
and to receive him.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son has restored us with his body  
and renewed our hope in the Spirit's coming.  
Let this same Spirit give us  
the mentality of Jesus Christ,  
that we may bear witness without fear  
to your Son's presence among us.  
Let him make our hope and love  
without conditions or boundaries.  
Keep us joyful and free  
by the strength of the surprising Spirit  
of Jesus Christ our Lord. R/ Amen.

### **Blessing**

Go and take the Spirit of Christ with you,  
that your mentality may be  
the mentality of Christ  
and your life the Lord's life.

Be not afraid to bear witness,  
for he is your strength.

And may Almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. R/ Amen.

Go in peace and keep hoping  
in the coming of the Spirit. R/ Thanks be to God.