

ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 9 MAY 2021

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B



Sit quietly for a moment and let God's love fill your heart.



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 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Sometimes people think that they are the only ones who have a special relationship with God. Today we hear how Peter realised that God is happy with anyone who tries to do what is right. The Holy Spirit has been given to everyone. God

has no favourites. God loves everyone. This was a very important moment in the early Church. From now on they welcomed people from every race and nationality into their community. They understood that everyone is equal in God's eyes.

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. God does not have favourites!

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. If we know love, we know God because God is love.



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

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The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.
Or Alleluia!



SECOND READING 1 JOHN 4:7-10

This letter tells us what our faith is about: love. Let's love each other, because love comes from God. Anyone who loves knows God, because God is love. The more we learn to live, the more we will get to

know God. We can see how much God loves us because we have seen Jesus. Jesus showed us by everything he did just how much God loves us and if we live like Jesus did we will become even more loving too.

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?

Thursday 13 May is The Ascension of the Lord. If we "ascend", we go up. On this feast day we remember that Jesus went up to heaven. It celebrates the fact that Jesus is king and reminds us that we will be able to go to heaven one day. When God the Son, Jesus, ascended to heaven, God the Holy Spirit came, so that we will never be alone.



THINK

Jesus loves each one of us just as much as God the Father loves him. Each one of us has been chosen by God and is very special. Knowing we are loved so much makes us very happy!



GOSPEL JOHN 15:9-17

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

Jesus wants us all to be happy and he knows that we will be happy if we stay with him. The best way to happiness is to live as Jesus asks. Jesus asks us to love each other and by giving up his life he has shown us what that means. When

we put other people first we are showing what real love is too. Jesus doesn't want us to do what he says because we have to, like servants. We are Jesus' friends and he wants us to live as he asks because he wants what is best for us.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for all my friends. Please bless them and look after them, and help me to be a good friend to them. Lord, hear my prayer.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about a time this week when you were selfish and then think of time when you put someone else first and showed real love for them.

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 loving me. Help me to share your love and joy with everyone I meet this week. Amen.

STAND to LISTEN

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

Before he reads the Gospel, what does the priest 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.



PRAY

"Everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God."

Picture all the people who have ever loved you. Now picture all the people you love. Thank God for giving you so much love.



DO

Spread some joy this week by giving something away everyday - maybe your time and effort or a small gift.



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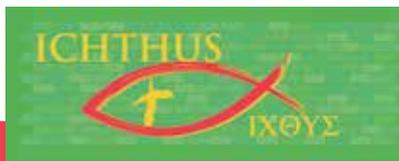
is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

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



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

Go in peace.



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