

## Here's a text if you've only a minute ...

Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.  
*First Reading*

Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer.  
*Psalms*

It is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will,  
than for doing evil.  
*Second Reading*

Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them.  
*Gospel*

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism  
may, under your protective care,  
bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.

*Old Opening Prayer*

This week's texts if you'd like to reflect further:  
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps. 65 (66); 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21.



### PREGO LEAFLET

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Year A, 10th May 2026

'I will not leave you orphans;  
I will come to you'

The readings for this sixth week of Eastertide are full of joy! They celebrate the light and grace of the Holy Spirit who reveals God's love to all of us.

In the **First Reading**, the apostles' ministry to the Samaritans signals a new phase in the early Church where the gospel message is not just for the Jews but extended to everyone.

Joyful celebration is the theme of the **Psalms** too. We are reminded of the many wondrous works of God, his boundless mercy, and his responsiveness to our prayers.

Peter teaches the community what it means to be a Christian in the **Second Reading**: to honour the Christian message with gentleness and respect, even in the face of criticism and rebuke.

The **Gospel** reminds us of the unbreakable bond between us and Christ, expressed through love for God and for each other, and through obedience to his commandments.

During this special Easter period, may we be strengthened, comforted and inspired by the Holy Spirit to know what it is to be called children of God.



### Opening Prayer

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.



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## Psalm 65 (66)

**R./ Cry out with joy to God, all the earth**

**C**ry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God, 'How wondrous your deeds!'

'Before you all the earth shall bow down,  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'  
Come and see the works of God:  
his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam

He turned the sea into dry land;  
they passed through the river on foot.  
Let our joy, then, be in him;  
He rules for ever by his might.

Come and hear, all who fear God;  
I will tell what he did for my soul.  
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,  
nor withhold from me his merciful love.

As I enter into prayer, I note how I am feeling today.  
I take time to be still and become aware of the Lord who loves and knows me through and through.

I read the psalm slowly, perhaps a couple of times.  
How do I respond to this invitation to show joy today?  
I reflect on the things in my life that make me 'cry out with joy to God'.  
Where do I encounter his 'wondrous deeds'? I might focus on the beauty of nature around me; the love of my family; or a kind act of a friend or stranger. I share the joy of these experiences with the Lord.

Perhaps I am facing particular challenges and struggling to see the way forward, or that is true for or someone I know.  
I stay with the feeling of wonder for the Lord who never rejects my prayer, and ask that he may create a dry path through these stormy waters.

I end my prayer with the intention to hold joy in my heart for the days ahead.

## Gospel John 14: 15-21

**A**t that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you will also love. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

Those who have my commandments and keep them, are those who love me. And those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and manifest myself to them.

As I read this gospel, it might help to imagine myself sitting with the disciples listening to Jesus. I bring all that is going on my life into this scene, and lay whatever is weighing me down at Jesus's feet.

As I hear his words, I reflect on how faithful am I to the Lord's commandments. How do I receive and express love in my everyday life?

Confident in his unconditional, merciful love, I confide in the Lord about where I have fallen short. I ponder areas of my life or aspects of my behaviour where I need 'another Helper'.

I ask God for the grace to let go of my tendencies to think and act in certain ways, to rely on my own power rather than on the wisdom and grace of God.

Maybe there are areas of my life in which I feel lost or alone? I spend some time reflecting on Jesus's promise that he will not leave me as orphan; that he will come to me.

I invite the Spirit into those hollow spaces, to fill them with God's love and truth.

As I bring my prayer time to an end, I ask that I receive and feel God's love dwelling in me in the coming days.