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THE SENDING OF THE SPIRIT: Christ tells us in today's Gospel that he sends his Spirit to those who love him. A person is at their spiritual best when they love because love is a purifying and unifying force. True love, in other words, makes for the perfection of the individual. Hence love of a country imparts courage to defend its interests; love of husband and wife creates unselfishness and a power to face life together with all its "slings and arrows"; love of all people results in an urge to help them.

All true love results from the coming of Christ's Spirit who is the Spirit of love. The power of the Spirit within a human being does not cease at the limits of the human heart. It radiates outwards transforming everyday activities and human relationship, enriching them by his presence. This presence of the Holy Spirit enables a person not only to face up to the harsh realities of life which presses upon them but also to see their true worth and purpose. Christ said of himself that he was the Spirit of truth. The Spirit then gives life – the kind of life of which Christ so often spoke. He is the unseen presence in the seen – the eternal in the temporal. Worldly lives have been defined as looking at things which are seen but only closely enough to see their market value. The spiritual person looks at them and sees their eternal value without in any way detracting from their temporal worth. "We are all in the gutter but some of us are looking at the stars", said Oscar Wilde. The worldly person stays in the gutter and keeps their eye on the earth; the spiritual person sees the stars and beyond. Christ said to the apostles "A little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me". The "world" does not see Christ but we, like the apostles, see him because we have within us his Spirit who inspires us with the vision of faith.

Masses and Prayers: Fr. Pat McAuliffe, Fr. Peter Morrissey (recently deceased), Daniel Andreallo, Anthony Constantine, Frances Canham, Joan Sproule, Lucy McCallum, (anniversaries).

June Moore (ann.22/5), Frances Canham (ann.21/5),

Sunday Mass

17th May 2020

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.*

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Collect

Let us pray.

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.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (See Bulletin Liturgy Sheet)

Profession of Faith

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, trusting in Jesus who will never leave us orphaned, let us make our common prayer in the power of that Spirit of truth.

1. That we may always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us, proclaiming the faith with gentleness and respect for the beliefs of others. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That governments may facilitate the sharing of medical and humanitarian resources to foster healing of all who are in any anguish of body, mind or spirit, particularly at this time of a global pandemic. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That the Spirit of God may inspire the followers of Jesus and all people of goodwill to assist children left orphaned by armed conflict or economic adversity. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. That the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive may in us convince the world of God's abiding love for all. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That all whom we have loved in this life but see no longer may live for ever with God in Christ. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That we who joyfully proclaim the victory of Christ's resurrection, call upon the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of Christians, that we, like her, may be blessed for believing the fulfillment of God's promise. **HAIL MARY.**

Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and have promised us that when two or three are gathered together in your Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Pope Francis Prayer for protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you. Health of the sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, our Salvation, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the Joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Our Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be *etc.*

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.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May Almighty God bless us all, the name of the Father, and of Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us praise the Lord and glorify him in our lives. Thanks be to God!

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