



## VI Sunday of EASTER 14th of May 2023 - Cycle A



### WAY, TRUTH AND LIFE



**YOU ARE AND YOU COME TO ME**

### SETTING

He will not leave us alone; Jesus announces that he will send us the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, who will drive us to give reason for hope, which is Christ.

Following you is to follow the path of happiness, of love, in that relationship of the Father with the Son, in the Holy Spirit.

Convinced that you are, from that love relationship, the one who loves us, accompanies and inspires us to give reason for that joy that marks our life and from which we can also contribute in the lives of those close to us, those who need it, those who vulnerable.

**SONG. This is my will my one command**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0\\_YIGO6bjG4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_YIGO6bjG4)

## **GOSPEL - John 14, 15-21**

If you love me, you will keep my commandments; and I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see or know him. But you know him, because he dwells with you. I will not leave you orphans: I will return to you. Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will also live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. The one who has my commandments and keeps them, is the one who loves me; and whoever loves me will be loved by my Father; and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

### **We deepen the text:**

Jesus speaks at length with his disciples for the last time. He tells them about his Father and the relationship that unites them as son and Father. He also speaks to them of the bond that, from now on, unites them, the apostles, with their Father and with himself. A bond that nothing and no one can break: "I am in my Father, and you in me and I in you...He who loves me will be loved by my Father." To all these phrases, you will have to hold on tightly in the times that follow!

And, at the moment when he is about to leave them, Jesus announces the coming of the Spirit. Like good Jews, the Apostles knew Ezekiel's prophecy: "I will give you a new heart and a new spirit. I will tear the heart of stone from your body and give you a heart of flesh. I will make my own Spirit enter in you, I will make you advance according to my laws to keep and practice my customs" (Ez: 36, 26). With Joel, the promise of the gift of the Spirit becomes universal. It is no longer reserved for prophets, kings and even the chosen people: "I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh" (Jl 3, 1)

So, the fact of saying to his apostles "The Spirit of truth is close to you, it is in you" is to announce to them that the great day of the Covenant has arrived. The Apostles were imbued with this hope: they knew that the definitive Covenant, promised by the Old Testament, was destined for all of humanity. And, throughout his

public life, **“Jesus had made it very clear that he thirsted for the whole world to be saved”**.

But if so, why did Jesus say that the world is incapable of receiving the Holy Spirit? And he was saying this at that critical moment of salvation! Is it a restriction? Surely not! Jesus cannot contradict himself. Jesus does not express a value judgment there, but rather an observation. Jesus specifies: "The world is incapable of receiving it, because it does not see it and because it does not know it either". And he goes on to say: “but you know me, because He lives in you”. This affirmation supposes that his words are a sending on a mission. It is a way of telling them: “The world knows the Spirit of truth...Now it is up to you to make it known to them; to you also to make the world discover the active presence of the Spirit in all flesh”.

**“Jesus wants to strengthen his disciples: help them to believe that the contagion of love will take place little by little. That it is possible for them to transform the spirit of the world into a spirit of love!”**

### Clues for prayer

**"If you love me, you will keep my commandments",**

-What kind of relationship does these words invites you to establish with Jesus?

Do you understand them as a reproach or as an impulse for your faith?

- What fundamental characteristic does the Kingdom have that Jesus invites you to build and hope for?

**AMBIENTAL MUSIC. Prelude 6 - DANIEL ESTREM**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4Lf6N9bfR8>

## WE ARE NOT ALONE

Welcome you spirit,  
The one who  
Takes care of us and  
Always accompanies  
Feel protected,  
Feel and be free  
Give reason for our  
Hope and goals  
Be part of your  
Humanizing projector.  
Concretize in words  
And gestures,  
Our passions,  
Illusions, desires  
Build dreams.  
Generate networks that  
Invite to be, to grow.  
Take new routes.  
Make everything new  
Revive joy,  
Overcome fears,  
Show us how we are  
Share talent,  
Be with others,  
Add possibilities.  
Love, embrace, support  
Everyone, especially  
Every neighbour.  
Release oppressions,

Break schemes  
They stifle creativity.  
Bet on life  
In all its forms.  
Open the mind  
To the changes,  
To surprises,  
To the future.  
In the total surrender that  
Gives reason, of the truth,  
Of hope.  
Express that voice  
Of the Spirit,  
That moves inside  
That is expressed on the  
outside.  
It is the effect of love  
What changes you  
And transforms you  
And that has to be felt  
You have to see,  
It has to be expressed.  
Love you Lord,  
Is to love the Father.  
That those of us who love you  
We let you know,  
Your way

### SONG. Welcome Holy Spirit – Nikkytlyrics worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ch-b1VktqQ>

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