

MAY 10, 2026  
SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER



*The Holy Spirit is our helper.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 14:15-21	The promise of the Holy Spirit
Monday	Acts 17:22-31	Paul in Athens
Tuesday	1 Peter 3:13-22	Suffering for doing right
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 31:7-8	God will be with you
Thursday	Acts 1:1-11	Jesus is taken up to heaven
Friday	2 Timothy 1:3-7	Thanksgiving and encouragement
Saturday	Psalms 66:8-20	Shout praises to God
Sunday	John 17:1-11	Jesus prays for his disciples

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*I [Jesus] will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.”*  
**John 14:18 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Come, Holy Spirit, give me the faith and strength to love others as Christ has loved me and the world. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

For this food and the people who have brought it from the earth to our tables, we give you thanks. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God bless you with a loving heart.



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Holy Spirit, Come to Us*



### WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you felt alone or afraid?
- Jesus called the Holy Spirit our helper. What do you think the Holy Spirit helps us do?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* John 14:15-21.

The Gospel of John weaves themes into one another like a beautiful tapestry. That is clearly what is happening in John 14. At the heart of it, Jesus will not abandon his followers. He loves them and wants them to love him by keeping his commandments to love one another (John 13:34). Jesus will remain with us, his followers, through the presence of “another Advocate” (v. 16), just as Jesus himself is an advocate (1 John 2:1). The word “advocate” in the original Greek also means counselor, helper, or intercessor. The Advocate is here to help us. The other advocate is the Holy Spirit, described as “the Spirit of truth” (v. 17), just as Jesus is seen as “the truth” in John 14:6. After Jesus’ death, resurrection, and ascension, he is still with us through the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth. The Holy Spirit makes Christ a reality in our lives today so that we may love one another and the world as God does (John 3:16). We are not abandoned after Jesus’ ascension; we are empowered by the Spirit of truth to live out Jesus’ new commandment to love one another and the world.

*Discuss:* How has the Holy Spirit helped you along your faith journey?

*Pray:* The Lord’s Prayer.

### SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you support someone who feels alone?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Today is Mother’s Day in the United States. It is a time to recognize and be thankful for those women in our lives who have loved and cared for us and for others. Be a witness for God’s love and reach out to a woman you know who deserves a special thank you with a phone call, text, or a visit. Say this prayer for her: **Lord God, thank you for [name]. May she know how grateful I am to have her in my life. Please bless her on this day and every day with your love and care. Amen.**

