



Liturgy Cycle C

Sixth Sunday Of Easter

Peace I Leave With You

Introduction

As we assemble here I'm sure we all have our share of troubles and anxieties which rob us of that priceless gift - inner peace. In the gospel of today's mass we will hear Christ say to us: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Peace I leave with you; my own peace I give you.' Let us look for a moment at the things that rob us of inner peace and which make us difficult to live with.

First Reading (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29)

Many gentiles had accepted Christianity as a result of the preaching of Paul and Barnabas. But then a big question arose: how much of the law and traditions of Moses should be imposed on the converts? This reading tells us how the problem was solved at the very highest level.

Second Reading (Rev. 21:10-14, 22-23)

This comes from near the end of Apocalypse. It gives a majestic picture of the new Jerusalem, the heavenly Church of the future, when God's Kingdom will come in all its glory.

Gospel (John 14:23-29)

This contains yet another portion of Christ's farewell discourse at the last supper. It is dominated by the thought of his imminent departure.

Prayer Of The Faithful

Let us pray to Christ for the gift of peace, a gift he assures us he can give us and which no one can take from us.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church: that all its members may have the gift of inner peace through their efforts to live the Gospel in their lives. We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all political leaders: that they may take the path of peace and good will in a world which is dominated by wars and rumours of wars. We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the homes of the parish: that they may be blessed with joy and peace. We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.



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Let us pray that we may have peace with our neighbour, and for the courage to seek to be reconciled with anyone we have fallen out with. We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Reflection

**To be glad of life, because it gives you a chance
to love and to work and to play
and to look up at the stars;
to be satisfied with your possessions,
but not contented with yourself
until you have made the best use of them.**

**To despise nothing in the world
except what is false and mean.
To fear nothing except what is cowardly.**

**To be guided by what you admire and love.
rather than by what you hate.
To envy nothing that is your neighbour's
except his kindness of heart
and gentleness of manners.**

**To think seldom of your enemies,
often of your friends,
and everyday of Christ.**

**And to spend as much time as you can,
with body and with spirit,
in God's out-of-doors.**

**These are little signposts on the footpath of peace.
The person who seeks God has already found him.**