

For Our Household: Jesus, Went About Doing Good

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 17th, 2020

All: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

(You may begin by singing a song together.)

PREPARING FOR THE FEAST

Women: Loving God your Son always showed compassion for children and for the poor, for the sick and for sinners.

Men: Help us be compassionate to people suffering illness in our time.

Women: Jesus became a neighbor to the oppressed and the afflicted.

Men: Help us be aware of and respond our known and unknow neighbors.

Women: By word and deed, Jesus announced to the world that that you are our Creator and the Source of Life. He showed us in his action your care for all your sons and daughters.

Men: May his Word be heard in our voices. May his action be seen in our response.

Women: Pilgrim God, you love us, and always walk with us on the journey of life.

Men: We are called to gather by the love you send us in Jesus.

Women: Present to us then and now, Jesus opens the Word for us.

Men: Help us open our hearts and minds to your Word.

Women: Present to us then and now, Jesus breaks bread at our tables.

Men: Help us open our tables to others and to nurture those who are alone.

Women: It is your Spirit made known in Jesus' presence that heals our wounds.

All: Thank you, Source of Life!

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Today's Gospel is found in [John 14:15-21](#). The complete Readings can be found at [USCCB Readings](#). Each of the Readings can be read or simply the Gospel. A video reflection on these readings [click here](#) :

**While someone reads the Scripture(s), listen well. Be aware of the image being painted, or the story being told. Does the story or the image call to mind anything similar in your own life or experience? * After reading, share your impressions of the reading (s) with each other:*

✓ *Recall a moment when someone you know was sad or in need and you were able to stop what you were doing to listen, to give advice/counsel or help them take of something. What moved you to respond to the person?*

✓ *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments" sounds rigid. That is in the first sentence of today's Gospel. What are some another words that could be used when we respond to the expectations of someone who loves us?*

✓ *The Prophet Jeremiah takes an interesting look at "law," another word for "commandments." "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. They will no longer teach their friends and relatives, "Know the LORD!" Everyone, from least to greatest, shall know me for I will forgive their iniquity and no longer remember their sin." God writing the "law (commandments)" in our hearts – not on stone, but in our flesh. A law calling our response from within. How would that feel?*

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✓ *God's Word authors life's response in us. When we mentor another person, in a way we author life in that person. Who has helped you "write your life?" Who are you helping to "write their lives?"*

SHARING THE FEAST

All: Creator God, Source of All Life, we gather in our household (*present to each other as well as at a distance*) to remember and celebrate the Life, Teaching, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, your Son. We long to be gathered again with our parish community to share the Bread of life and the Cup of Salvation. But since we are separate from the community now, know of our desire to receive you in the Sacrament. Recognize our desire as we break the bread of your Word and the bread of our table. Recognize that, as we drink (*water, wine, other*) symbolically, we seek to quench our spiritual thirst by opening ourselves to your presence in one another. *The feast can be a loaf of bread (rice-cakes, chapati, naan, pita, tortilla, oatcakes, sweet bread, baguette, etc.) and a individual glasses of (wine, water, cider, grape juice). The bread and the wine are passed to one another. Each person serving the individual next to him or her.*

INTERCESSIONS

Eldest Reader: Enlighten Pope Francis and *N.* our Bishop, as well as the Priests and Deacons, catechists and Council Members who serve our parish community with insight to guide us in impacting the society around us.

All: Inspire them to serve truly with Christ as their example.

Youngest Reader: May all of us be signs of hope and reconciliation for others we know.

All: So that we may be made one in you.

Eldest Reader: Open our eyes to the needs of our brothers and sisters.

All: May we, this domestic Church, stand with people in their need.

Youngest Reader: Inspire in us words and actions to comfort those who labor and are burdened.

All: May our faith guide us to action as Jesus called the disciples to action.

Eldest and Youngest Reader: May all who respond to the Love of God be living witnesses to truth and freedom, to peace and justice, that all people may be raised up to a new hope.

All: May we, in our domestic Church stand responsively with others in.

Youngest Member: Who do we know who are new babies, or newly married, are finishing grade school, high school or college?

(Mention the names of these people.)

Youngest Members: For these let us pray:

All: Be their light and their hope as they grow forward in life.

Eldest Reader: Who do we remember in our families who have died?

(Mention the names of these people.)

Eldest Reader: For these we pray:

All: May they know and see the light of your Face oh God!