

Easter 6

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

The theme of following Christ in truth and love abounds on this Sunday. Paul is faced with foreign gods, Peter teaches that suffering is bound to come, and Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them the Holy Spirit to accompany them as they continue his work in the world God loves. Obedience to the Lord's commands means nothing less than the sacrificial love showed the world on the cross.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Reading: Acts 17:16–31

Paul Preaches in Athens

As Paul continues his missionary journey in the city of Athens, he is confronted with idol worshippers who wonder what his message is really about. Paul proclaims the Good News of the living God to all those who worship stones and statues.

Psalm 66:8–20

Tried and Tested

God's people have undergone suffering at the hands of their enemies. Like silver is refined in the fire of the silversmith, so God has refined his people through the fires of suffering. The psalmist praised God for his gracious rescue and restoration.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13–22

You Will Be Blessed

Peter continues his teaching by encouraging the faithful not to fear if they should encounter suffering for the sake of their faith in Christ. He urges them to be ready to give a sure defense of their faith when anyone questions them. He assures them that their good behavior and obedience to the Lord's command will put to shame those who want to harm. Even though they suffered for Christ, they will be blessed.

Gospel Reading: John 14:15–21

Jesus Will Send a Helper

Jesus indicates to the disciples that to love him with the fullness of their hearts means they will keep his commandments. In order to help them when he is absent from them, he promises to send an Advocate who will guide them, encourage them, and never leave them alone. This helper is the Holy Spirit of God who will dwell in them when they can no longer see their Master in the flesh.

Suggestions for the Day:

Liturgical Color: White

During the Season of Easter:

- Use the Kyrie.
- Use the Hymn of Praise
- Use the Nicene Creed.

It is important to understand the difference between temptation and testing. The psalm for today speaks of testing as a refining fire for believers. God is always with us when testing comes through faith. God never tempts us - that is the work of the Enemy. But when suffering comes because of our faith in Christ, we are strengthened by God and refined like precious metal in a blazing fire. Testing is part of the faith journey, and in it we are guided by God.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Come, Thou Almighty King	522	---	905	408	247	247
Children of the Heavenly Father	474	---	725	781	201	201
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	315	---	700	631	14	14
Come Down, O Love Divine	508	---	501	804	---	---
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart	486	---	---	800	---	---
Holy God, We Praise Your Name	535	---	940	414	13	13
Holy, Holy, Holy	165	---	507	413	10	10
Blessed Are They	---	764	---	728	---	---
Take My Life, and Let It Be	406	---	783	685	233	233
Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult	494	---	---	696	184	184

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW=Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV=With One Voice, ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB=The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC=The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeRat "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles
 Rest On Us
 (CCLI# 7126736)
 Blessed Be Your Name
 (CCLI# 3798438)
 Holy Spirit
 (CCLI# 6087919)
 Holy Spirit Rain Down
 (CCLI# 2405227)
 Fresh Wind
 (CCLI# 7166857)

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