

OITC: 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 10th May 2026

Welcome

Themes: Love; Promise of the Holy Spirit.

Loving – Kindness Practice (5 mins)

Opening Hymn: Come as you are. By Paul Gurr

Come as you are, that's how I want you. Come as you are, feel quite at home.

Close to my heart, loved and forgiven. Come as you are, why stand alone.

No need to fear, love sets no limits. No need to fear love never ends. Don't run away, ashamed and downhearted, Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous, I came to bring peace, not to condemn.

Each time you fail to live by my promise. Why do you think I love you the less.

Opening Prayer.

Gloria: Peruvian Gloria.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts: 5-8,14-17

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them. The crowd with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did, for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed; and many others who were paralysed or lame were cured. So there was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two men went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. (PAUSE)

Psalm 65 : Laudate; No 695: Sing a New Song unto the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Peter: 3: 15-18

In your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit. (PAUSE)

Alleluia: Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus said: "If someone loves me, they will keep my word and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them." Alleluia.

Gospel: John 14: 15-21

Jesus said: '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. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be with you.



I will not leave you orphans: I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me: and those who love me will be loved by my Father and I will love them and reveal myself to them'. (PAUSE)

Quiet Prayer,

Lectio.

Easter Creed

I believe in the God of Easter Morning, who awakens us from our darkest dreams,
And leads us into the light of a new day.

Who meets our pessimism with stunning hope. (Short pause)

I believe in the God of Easter Day, who beats us to the obstacles in our lives,
And empties the dark tomb for us, who appears in surprising ways.

When we least expect it. Walking with us on our detours. (Short pause)

I believe in the God of Easter Evening, who breaks into our closets and prisons,
Bringing Peace and crushing our fear. (Short pause.

I believe in the Risen Lord who meets us with wounds in his hands and feet,
Who gives us his Spirit. Sending us out to bring Shalom to the world. Amen.

Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: Blessed be the Lord God of all creation

Communion Hymn: Prayer To the Holy Spirit, (St. Augustine) by Francesca La Rosa.

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may be holy.

Act in me O holy Spirit, that my work too may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.

Guard me then O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

Announcements

Final Blessing: In the coming week:

May you experience the presence of God with joy.

May the Spirit of Consolation comfort you.

May the power of the Spirit of Truth transform you, transform us,
transform the world. Amen

Final Hymn: We are Called by David Haas.

Come, live in the light! Share the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom. To live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain:

We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly.

We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless,

So all hatred and blindness will be no more.



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