**Note: Please leave this on the ambo, thanks.**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER AND COMMUNICATION SUNDAY - YEAR C**

**Introduction.**

Good morning / evening we welcome our parishioners to Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill/Schofields Parish.

In view of Jesus’ impending departure to be with his Father in heaven, the believers are reminded that they are not left orphans. Jesus promises his

disciples that he will come back.

Moreover, the Father will send the Holy Spirit in Jesus’ name.

This “other advocate” will make the presence of Jesus among his disciples more intense and more fruitful. The Holy Spirit will make the disciples know

and understand Jesus as they have never done before.

Our Mass will be celebrated today by:

Please stand and join in singing the Entrance Hymn.

**SIXTH Sunday OF easter AND COMMUNICATION SUNDAY - YEAR C LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### FIRST READING   (Acts 15:1-2. 22-29)

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, ‘Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.’ This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

‘The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.’

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1)

***(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!***

#### 1. O God, be gracious and bless us

#### and let your face shed its light upon us.

#### So will your ways be known upon earth

#### and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)

#### 2. Let the nations be glad and exult

#### for you rule the world with justice.

#### With fairness you rule the peoples,

#### you guide the nations on earth. (R.)

#### 3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;

#### let all the peoples praise you.

#### May God still give us his blessing

#### till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

#### SECOND READING  (Rv 21:10-14, 22-23)

*A reading from the book of the Apocalypse*

*In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.*

*I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,

and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Jn 14:23-29)

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

#### Jesus said to his disciples:

#### ‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

#### Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

#### And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me.

#### I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

#### Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you,

#### a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

#### Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

#### You heard me say:

#### I am going away, and shall return.

#### If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

#### I have told you this now before it happens,

#### so that when it does happen you may believe.’

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

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**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER AND COMMUNICATION SUNDAY - YEAR C**

**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest**: — As we remember the words and promises of Christ, let us pray to the Father that he may pour out his Holy Spirit to lead us to take the path of truth and charity, entering fully into the meaning of his divine life.

**Reader:** — Give strength to the Church and her leaders: may your people hold on to your teachings and renew themselves through a change of heart and a constant pursuit of charity.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That communication professionals, parents, and educators may use wisdom and discernment in the use of the media, since their decisions greatly affect young people,

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** Give peace and progress to our nation: may we desire to ensure justice for our brothers and sisters by sharing the good things you give us. We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That there may be more practical initiatives aimed at eliminating the risks posed by the media to the wellbeing of the children, and may children always find in the media a source of support, encouragement, and inspiration,

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who have died. In particular, those mention in our parish bulletin. May God’s merciful love shine on them and their loved ones left behind.

We pray.

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** Together we now pray our parish community prayer for Easter:

**All:** God of power and might, by your holy will you raised Jesus from the dead so that we might share his life eternally. As we rejoice and give you thanks for your great goodness and mercy, help us to reach out to those who do not yet believe in the truth of the gospel. Fill us with your compassion so that we may serve the weak and needy for love of you.

Strengthen the faith of our families so that we may grow together in love. May your joy grow in us day by day.

**Priest:** God our Father, we, your children, come before you.

Renew our hearts and give us love which knows no limits, that we may be true disciples of Jesus Christ your Son and our Lord.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.