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Our Vision: *"We strive to be a haven of healing, reconciliation, joy and peace in service to our wider community and beyond, so that our example in prayer and practice may reflect Christ's love for us all."*

THIS SUNDAY – MAY 10TH, 2026

LIVING IN THE LOVE HE PLACED IN OUR HEARTS

Good Things Beyond Measure

The Collect appointed for this Sixth Sunday of Easter invites us to pray that God would “pour into our hearts such love toward You, that we, loving You in all things and above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire.” It is a daring prayer. It assumes that God’s promises are not only trustworthy, but abundant beyond our imagining. And it quietly challenges us to consider whether we are living as though that abundance is real.

This week’s readings sharpen that question. In the Acts of the Apostles, we encounter Paul standing in Athens, speaking to a people deeply committed to their own religious and philosophical traditions. He begins not with condemnation, but with recognition, acknowledging their searching, their altar “to an unknown god.” From there, he proclaims the God made known in Christ: not distant, not confined to temples, but the One in whom “we live and move and have our being.” This is a vision of God’s nearness and generosity that reorients everything. If God is this close, this sustaining, this life-giving, then faith is not about reaching far beyond ourselves so much as awakening to the presence already surrounding and upholding us.



Yet Paul does not stop at affirmation. He calls his listeners to transformation, to turn toward this living God, to recognize a new way of being grounded in the risen Christ. The invitation is expansive, but it is also personal. It asks for a response.

The Epistle continues in this vein, but with a different emphasis. Here, the focus is on how that response takes shape in daily life. “Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you,” we are told, but “do it with gentleness and reverence.” This is not a call to argument for its own sake, but to a way of living so marked by hope that others cannot help but notice.

And the texture of that hope matters. It is gentle. It is grounded. It is willing, if necessary, to endure suffering for doing good rather than returning harm for harm. Such a life is not driven by fear or defensiveness, but by a quiet confidence that God is at work even in difficulty. This is the Way of Love, not as an abstract ideal, but as a lived reality, costly at times, but deeply rooted in trust.

In the Gospel, Jesus draws all of this together. “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” Love, in this sense, is not simply a feeling. It is a pattern of life, a way of being in relationship with God and with one another. And we are not left to figure this out alone. Jesus promises the Advocate, the Spirit of truth, who abides with us and in us. “I will not leave you orphaned,” he says. The life of love we are called to live is sustained by a presence that does not depart.

So the question returns: what might it look like to live as though these promises are true? It may begin with a shift in awareness, recognizing, as Paul proclaims, that God is already nearer than we often assume. It may take shape in the tone of our interactions, as the Epistle suggests, by choosing gentleness over sharpness, reverence over dismissal. And it will certainly involve action. The commandments Jesus speaks of are not abstract. They are embodied in practices of love: in patience, in forgiveness, in generosity, in truthfulness. These are the places where the Way of Love becomes visible, where faith moves from idea into reality.

It is tempting to live as if love must be measured out carefully, as if hope were a limited resource. But these readings point us elsewhere. The God we are invited to trust is not scarce, but abundant. He is closer than we imagined, more generous than we dared to hope.

To live in that trust is to begin, however imperfectly, to reflect it. And in doing so, we may find that the Collect’s promise is not distant or theoretical, but already unfolding: that God is indeed pouring love into our hearts, and that in living from that love, we begin to glimpse good things beyond measure.

Fr. Carlos Expósito, Rector

READINGS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Act 17:22-31 + 1 Peter 3:13-22 + John 14:15-21 + Psalm 66:7-18

CALENDAR

Note: We worship in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10:00 AM. Tuesday Noon Mass is held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel.

SUNDAY **May 10th, 2026** **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

10:00 AM Mass in All Saints' Church

Join Zoom Meeting from our website at www.allsaintschurch.org

Recording of Mass available before noon at www.allsaintschurch.org

Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children

Ages 5 to 12 in the Parish Hall, from 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Christian Formation for Adults (the 2nd and 4th Sundays)

Youth and adults around noon after the Mass in the Library

Recording of Mass available before noon at www.allsaintschurch.org

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- Welcoming strangers like old friends
- Embracing the Anglo-Catholic tradition
- Being dependable members of a caring community
- Respecting each other's differences
- Being faithful stewards of God's gift
- Remembering that God loves everyone unconditionally

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