

Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Gospel text (Jn 16:5-11): Jesus said to his disciples, “(...) But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you (...).”

The "gift" of the Holy Spirit is the fruit of His Passion

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Today, we are still submerged in the sermon of the Last Supper, when Jesus Christ mentioned three times the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. Now He announces to the Apostles that the fruit of His "leaving" this world will be the gift of the Paraclete.

In God an "I" and a "You" exist: the Son who speaks to the Father exists; and they are both one in the Spirit, who, constitutes, so to speak, the atmosphere of giving and loving which makes them one God. Through Jesus our eyes cast a glance at God in His intimacy: God also emerged, as it were, from His intimacy and came to meet us. This happened especially in His life, passion, death and Resurrection; in His words. Jesus, however, is not content with coming to meet us. He wants more! He wants unification.

—Jesus has to die and be raised, since He is now no longer to be found in any specific place, but His Spirit emanates from Him and enters our hearts, thereby uniting us with God, One and Triune.