Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

Gospel text (*Jn* 14:15-21): Jesus said to his disciples, “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 always, the Spirit of truth… I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live…"

Presence of God

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Today, Jesus is leaving us. He is going back to the Father to be glorified. This seemed to sadden his disciples who were always looking at him with that physical gaze that only accepts and clings to whatever can be seen and touched. This feeling of his followers, that can also be appreciated in many of today's Christians, makes our Lord to avow that He will not leave us "orphans".

He will ask the Father to send us "another Advocate" (Helper, Intercessor), "the Spirit of truth". In the midst of our daily worries Jesus urges us on to feel that He is always present and to realize that He is alive and loves us, while, at the same time, He guarantees to whoever firmly decides to live and abide by His commandments, to show himself in the plenitude of the new and resurrected life.

—Lord, today, You appear alive and present before us, in the teachings of the Scriptures and in the Eucharist. Make my response be that of a new life surrendered in living your commandments.