

Sunday 6th (A) of Easter

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 Helper to be with you forever, that Spirit of truth (...). I will not leave you orphans, I am coming to you. A little while and the world will see me no more, 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 Paraclete" (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 to be that of a new life that surrenders to the appalling reality of your commandments.