



**Sunday Activity  
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May 09, 2021  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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## Gospel

Gospel – Adapted from John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I also have loved you. Remain in my love. If you obey my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than to give up one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you servants because a servant does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me; I chose you to go and produce good fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”

## 2

## Reflection

Last Sunday, we heard Jesus say that we must remain in Him to bear fruit. We may have been thinking, “How do I remain in Jesus?” In today’s Gospel, which follows directly after last week’s, Jesus gives us the answer. He says that to remain in Him, we must keep His commandments. And He says that remaining in Him means remaining in His love. Jesus loves us.

And that, He says, is at the heart of His commandments. We have been loved by God. He has loved us so deeply that He died for us. Jesus says that there is no greater love than to give up one’s life for one’s friends. The God who created the entire universe calls us His friends, and He thinks we are worth dying for. He became a man, lived, suffered, and died, for you.

And now He asks you to love with that same love. He chose you to do so. And He gives you the grace to do so. He shares His Heart with you, so that you can receive His love, and share that love with others. That is the fruit that Jesus commands us to bear. Then we will remain in His love. And then, as Jesus also says in today’s Gospel, our joy will be complete.

## 3

## Discussion Questions

What does it mean, that Jesus calls us friends? Why is it important?

How will loving others as Jesus loves us, bring us joy?

## 4

## Vocabulary

- **Bear Fruit** – Jesus says that He chooses us to bear fruit. This means doing good, and accomplishing God’s will. To do that, we must remain close to Jesus, and love as He loves.
- **Grace** – Grace is a gift and help from God. God shares His life with us; this is sanctifying grace.
- **Joy** – Lasting happiness. Jesus says that He wishes to give us complete joy, and that He takes joy in us.
- **Love** – Desiring someone else’s good, for their own sake. True love always desires the good of another person; it is never selfish.

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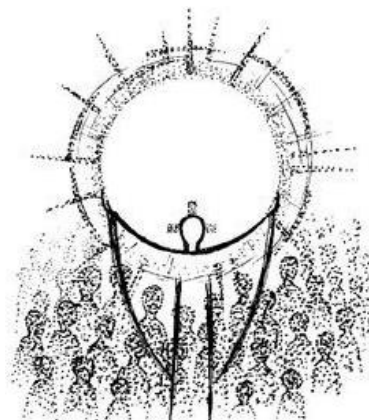
- 1) We are in a state of \_\_\_\_\_, when we have God’s life within us.
- 2) Jesus tells us to \_\_\_\_\_ like He does, which means sacrificing for others.
- 3) The only way we can find true \_\_\_\_\_ is through Jesus.
- 4) Jesus calls His followers to \_\_\_\_\_, by loving each other as He loves us.

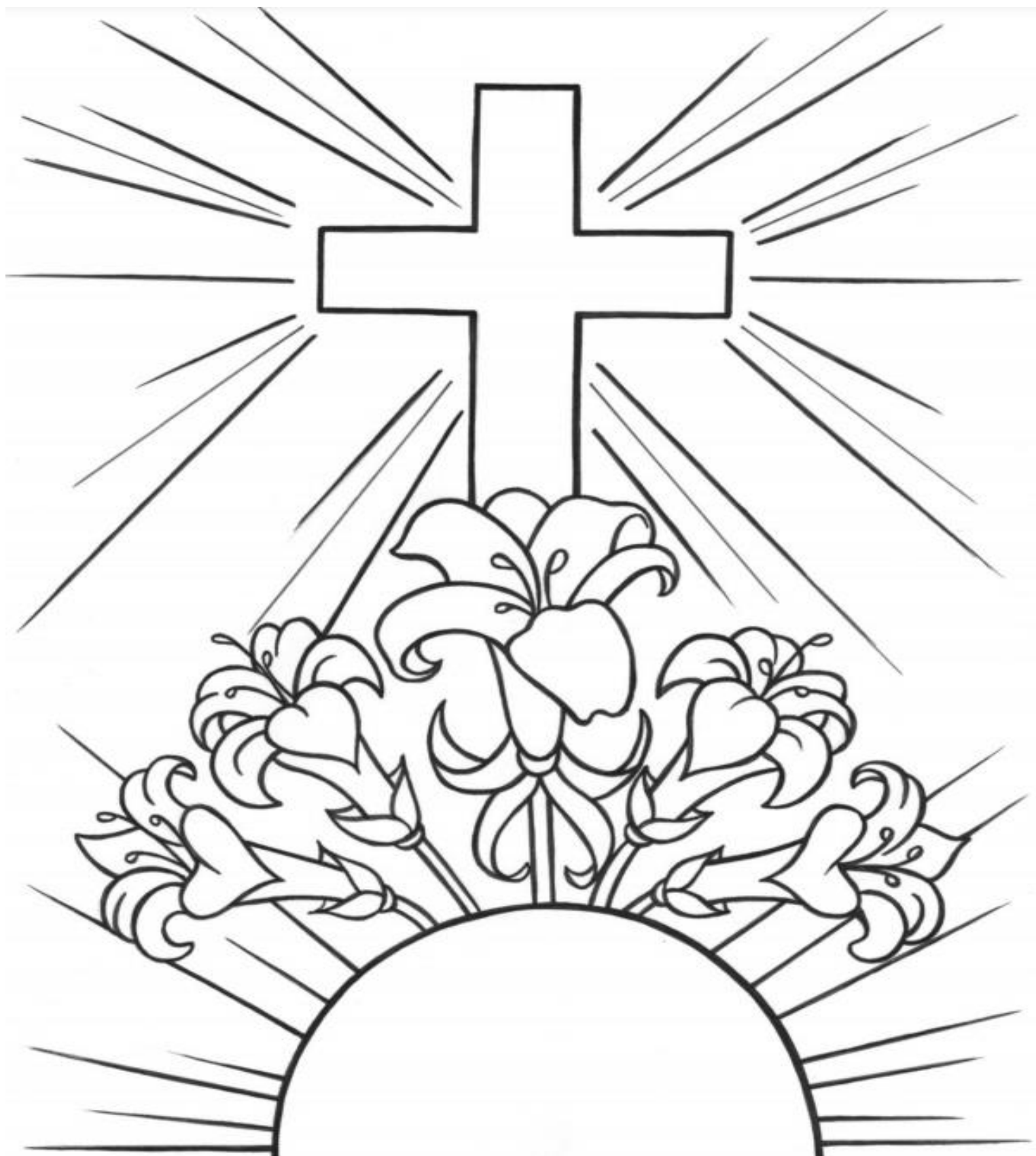
- 1) How does Jesus tell His disciples they can remain in His love?
  - A) Stay in Jerusalem
  - B) Preach to the Gentiles
  - C) Fast and do penance
  - D) Obey His commandments
  
- 2) What was Jesus's command to His disciples in today's Gospel?
  - A) Do not steal
  - B) Do not kill
  - C) Honor your father and mother
  - D) Love one another
  
- 3) How does Jesus tell His disciples to ask the Father for things?
  - A) Say, "pretty please"
  - B) In His Name
  - C) In Hebrew
  - D) Pray in the temple

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BEAR FRUIT  
 COMMANDMENTS  
 FRIENDS  
 GRACE  
 JOY  
 LOVE





### Fill in the Blank

- 1) Grace
- 2) Love
- 3) Joy
- 4) Bear Fruit

### Quiz:

- 1) D – Obey His commandments
- 2) D – Love one another
- 3) B – In His Name