

## Historic Scripture Lessons for Easter-6 ☩ Rogaté (Pray) Sunday

### Old Testament

**Jeremiah 29:11-14 NIV** For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

### Epistle

**James 1:22-27** Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the Word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But the man who looks intently into the perfect Law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it - he will be blessed in what he does. 26 If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. 27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

### Historic Gospel

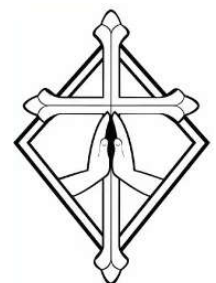
**John 16:23-30** In that day you will no longer ask Me anything. I tell you the truth, My Father will give you whatever you ask in My Name. 24

Until now you have not asked for anything in My Name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. 25 "Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about My Father. 26 In that day you will ask in My Name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. 27 No, the Father Himself loves you because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God. 28 I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father." 29 Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now You are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. 30 Now we can see that You know all things and that You do not even need to have anyone ask You questions. This makes us believe that You came from God."

### 3-Year C Gospel (Sermon)

**John 14:23-31** Jesus replied, "If anyone loves Me, he will obey My teaching. My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 He who does not love Me will not obey My teaching. These Words you hear are not My own; they belong to the Father Who sent Me. 25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My Name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. 28 "You heard Me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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## May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 ✧ Easter-6 Rogaté ♪ Pray to The LORD

**WELCOME to OUR SAVIOR!** We are so happy to have you worship Our Savior with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time or in a long time, we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come worship with us again! **God bless you.**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP** On the gold liturgy sheets and in red TLH Hymnal p.5 .

Service	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	457 (3v)	What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Psalm 145	Ps.145 '4v'	I Will Praise Your Name, My King & God ↗
Hymn of the Day	212 (7v)	<b>Sing v.1-5</b> A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing
Offertory Verse	212 (7v)	<b>v.6-7</b> Be Thou our Joy & strong Defense →
Distribution Hymn	436 (5v)	The LORD's My Shepherd I Shall Not Want
Closing Hymn	47 (4v)	Savior Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

### Suggested Bible readings for weekdays after the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday  
 Amos9:8-15 Isaiah 4:2-6 Isa. 29:18-24 Gen5:21-24 Mic. 7:7-13 Mic.7:14-20  
John 10:1-5 John 10:6-10 Mat.28:16-20 Acts 1:1-1 Lu.24:50-53 Acts1:12-26

### PROPERs for EASTER-6(=5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY after EASTER) MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

**INTROIT** With a voice of singing declare, proclaim this; utter it even to the ends of the earth. "The LORD has redeemed His servant Jacob!" Alleluia! O You Who hear prayer, to You all flesh will come. Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His Name; make His praise glorious. ...Psalm 107

**COLLECT** O God, from Whom all good things do come: Grant us, Your humble servants, that by Your holy Inspiration, we may think those things that are right, and by Your merciful guiding may perform the same: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, Who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one True God, now and forever. C: ♪ A - - men.

**GRADUAL C:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, Who has redeemed us with His Blood, is Risen and has appeared to us. Alleluia! I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I leave the world and go to the Father. Alleluia! ...from Psalm 66

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS (printed on outside back page of the bulletin)

O.T. **Jeremiah 29:11-14** God *already* knows your thoughts & prayers.  
 Epi. **James 1:22-27** Do what the Word says; don't just listen to Words.  
 Gos. **John 16:23-30** The Father will give all you ask in My Name.  
 3Yr. **John 14:23-29** Hang on Jesus' Every Word. He gives Lasting Peace.

**SERMON:** (3-Year Gospel C: **John 14**) **JESUS PROMISES HIS PRESENCE & HIS PEACE.**

**Psalm 145 C:** ♪ I will praise Your Name; My King- and my God.  
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Verse 1. ♪ I will give you glo-ry my God and King, and I will bless\_ Your Name for-e-ver\_ Ev'ry day I will bless and praise Your name fore-ver\_.

**Refrain C:** ♪ I will praise Your Name; My King- and my God. (← Repeat)

Verse 2. ♪ The Lord is full of grace and mer-cy, He is kind\_ and slow to anger. He is good in all His works and full- of compassion\_ **Refrain C:** ♪ I will...

Verse 3. ♪ Let all our works give You thanks O LORD, and let- all the faithful bless You. Let them speak of Your might O LORD, the glory of Your Kingdom.

**Refrain C:** ♪ I will praise Your Name; My King- and my God. (← Repeat)

Verse 4. ♪ The LORD is faith-ful in all His Words, and always near,\_ His Name is Holy\_ He lifts up all those who fall, He raises up the lowly\_.

**Refrain C:** ♪ I will praise Your Name; My King- and my God. (← Repeat)

212 **6. Be Thou our Joy and strong Defense Who art our future Recompense Alleluia! Alleluia! So shall the light that springs from Thee - Be ours through all eternity. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu--ia!**

**7. O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to Thee let earth accord, Alleluia! Alleluia! Who art, while endless ages run, - With Father and with Spirit One. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu--ia! A-men.**

PRAYER REQUESTS:	(Member or Relation)	Pray for...
Elma Hendricks	In South Carolina. Fell, hit head. Has moved also	
Dee Kurczewski (David)	Dee - rehabbing. David working & helping Mom	
Jon (Sister) Martha Herbert	Surgery at LRM. Andrea (Sister) Emily Cancer	
Vivian Temple (Tom)	Vivian is at home recovering. Tom is helping her	
Stacy Terhune (Don & Bev Wienke daughter)	Spinal pain and surgery	
James Vanesky & Delores Platt	Health of both. At home rehabbing	

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Sub (Ethel & Steve Wendt)	(Volunteer)
Treaters	Spaghetti Lunch (Mem.Day)	BBQ Picnic (← Memorial Day)

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday Attendance (LORDSupper)	30 / (22)	27 / 23
Bible Class Attendance: Sun.Wed.	10, 7	11, 8
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1.3K)	YTD \$,. (\$26.6K)

Calendar of Events		
Today, May 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	BibleStudy ChristianLife: False Teaching
Easter-6/C Sunday	10:00 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
Rogaté = "Pray"	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = Spaghetti Lunch (Mem.Day) Stay!
Monday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	all-day	(Have a safe) Memorial Day Holiday USA
Wednesday 5/29	6:00 pm	Midweek Bible Study: Jesus' Teachings SoM
Next Sunday 6/2	9:00 am	BibleStudy ChristianLife: H.S' Presence
Easter-7/C Exaudi	10:00 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
Coming Holy Spirit	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = BBQ Picnic Lunch ... Stay!

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Next Sun. 6/2 Exaudi=Easter-7 (p.15 LS) 227 Ps.145 215 235.1 235.2-8 261

**EASTER-6C (or PENTECOST) John 14:23-31 "HANG ON WORDS" 05.26.19 OSL**

*WHEN YOU LOVE SOMEONE, YOU HANG ON THEIR EVERY WORD.*

I remember growing up during the Vietnam war. I was too young to be drafted, but older brothers of my friends were. Some were barely eighteen years old when they were separated from the families and sent to fight. The only contact they had with home was the occasional letter. Letters long on love, but sometimes short on detail. Letters filled with the trivial details of daily life. Letters filled with phrases like, *"I miss all of you very much."* **Families would cling to every word of those letters** from their sons. Sons would cling to every word of letters from their families. THEME:

**WHEN YOU LOVE SOMEONE, YOU HANG ON EVERY WORD THEY SAY.**

LOVE LETTER/S Think of when you **first met your spouse**, or when **you fell in love for the first time**. Every word that person said was so important. You read between the lines of his or her letters. You listened for every nuance, every turn of phrase, every pause. *You hung on every word.*

KEEP MY WORD Jesus says in our text, **"If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word."** Now, *"Keep My Word"* certainly includes *"Obey My Teaching,"* but it means **much more than that**. It goes without saying that anyone who loves Christ will want to obey Him. A few sentences earlier, Jesus said: *"If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Commandments."* And His "New" Commandments aren't burdensome and heavy, like the (Ten) Commandments of Moses. These are His Commandments: **that we believe in His Name and that we love one another with His love**. Love and faith *always* go together. **To love Jesus is to believe in Him, and to believe in Jesus is to love Him. And to love Him is to love one another.**

...AND MORE But Jesus pushes things a bit further in our text. He says, *"If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word – he will cling to My Word, guard My Word, treasure My Word."* Sheep love to hear their shepherd's voice. Children love their parents' voice/s (*usually*). Those who love Jesus and believe in Him hang on to His every Word and **treasure** it in their hearts.

WORTH IT And, **Jesus' Words are worth hanging on to**. *"My Words are Spirit and they are life,"* Jesus said. His Words are full of the Holy Spirit. They are brimming over with His life. *"Lord, to whom shall we go?"* Peter asked. **"You have the Words of Eternal Life."** We need look no further than the Words of Jesus for *our* life. Oh, we might imagine that we need to go further, or higher, or deeper than His words. Who would think that the most spiritual thing we have is words? But Jesus says, **"(No) All you need are My Words. Hang on to them."**

WORDS DO THINGS Think of what Jesus' Words **DO!** With His Words He **Baptizes**. With His Words He **Forgives**. With His Words He gives His own **Body** to eat and His own **Blood** to drink. With His Words He **creates Faith** in hardened, unbelieving hearts and fills them with His **Love**. With His Words, He **calls sinners** to Himself. With His Words He is present to bring His peace.

**TWO THINGS** Jesus highlights this morning: HIS **PRESENCE** AND HIS **PEACE**.

1. **JESUS PROMISES HIS PRESENCE**. He had told them that He was going away and they would see him no more, and yet by going away He would come to them. *"I go away, and I will come to you."* The disciples didn't quite get this talk of going away and coming. Jesus was speaking about His **Death** and **Resurrection** and **Ascension**. Soon, they would no longer see Him, but He would still come to them and be present with them, present in an even greater way than He already was with them - **present with His Words and the Holy Spirit**.

DAD TOO Not only Jesus, but **His Father will be present too**, because the Father and the Son are **One in Essence**. They are One God. Jesus' Words are the Father's Words. He says, *"My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."*

(H.S.) HAVE ALL THREE And the Father will send Another, this "Counselor," Who is the Holy Spirit, in the Name of Jesus. You see, to **have Jesus is to have the entire Triune God** – all Three: the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit. No matter how alone you may be in this world, no matter how isolated you may feel, you have **Jesus AND the Father AND the Holy Spirit** with you **at all times**.

IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS Notice how **everything revolves around Jesus**. No Father without the Son. And no Holy Spirit without Jesus. He is sent **in Jesus' Name**. **Everything centers on Jesus**. Jesus is the only mediator between God and man. He is the One Who gets between us and the Father, Who touches **our humanity** with His Humanity, but Who touches the **Father's divinity** with His divinity. Who presents His sacrifice for our sin, who **makes peace for us** with the Father. **Luther** got it right (again) when he said, **"I know no other God than this MAN Named Jesus."**

H.S. AT WORK The Holy Spirit draws our attention, not on or to Himself, but **back to Jesus** and His Words. *"He will teach you all things, and bring to your mind all that I have said to you."* Where God's Word is being taught truly and purely, where Jesus' Words are brought to our remembrance, there the Holy Spirit is at work. Creating and enlivening faith in Jesus. The Spirit is at work in **Baptism**, in **the Word** when you hear or read it, in the **Lord's Supper**, in the **Holy Ministry**, in **other Christians** when they speak the Word to you, **IN YOU** as you speak the Words of Jesus to others. The Spirit always comes to us **through Means**, and He always uses means, earthy real things like **water, words, bread, wine, pastors, people**. Through these the Spirit teaches us and **lays the Words of Jesus on our minds and hearts** so that we would trust Him and receive His presence in our lives.

HAS TO WORK **Unless the Spirit continually works faith** in us, **unless He opens** our hearts and minds and ears, God's Word will have no impact. That's why every Sun/day we can and should pray, *"Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive Him Who comes to us in His Body and Blood."* And, **thank God He hears and answers** that prayer. Without the Holy Spirit working repentance and faith in our hearts, the Body and Blood of Christ would do us no good and could even be hazardous to our health.

OUR PRAYER That Sunday (Eucharistic) prayer is also our **daily** prayer, that God would send the Spirit in the name of His Son to establish in us a living faith that is active in love, that holds on to Christ's words and receives Him new each day.

IN BAPTISM...We received everything that Jesus died to win for us. The forgiveness of our sins. The Holy Church. Resurrection, Eternal Life, Salvation. The presence of Christ and the Father both in us and among us in the congregation. It is all in place for us, so near and close to us, to draw upon and use each and every day. It's as if God has, out of his own generosity and kindness, **deposited ten million dollars** in a bank account with our name, and said, **"Now draw on it, use it, spend it. And don't worry how often you turn to it. There's plenty more where that came from."**

DON'T BE A FOOL Now, if we **insist** on living in **despair**, as though we had nothing, as though we were **not** baptized, as though we did not have Christ or the

Father or the Holy Spirit, as though we did not have Jesus' Words of life, we have only **ourselves to blame**. It would be sheer foolishness not to withdraw from that ten million dollar bank account when you couldn't pay the bills, wouldn't it? Only a fool would reject such a gift. Now you see why **unbelief is called foolishness** in the Scriptures. And **faith is called wisdom**.

**BAPTISM BANK ACCOUNT** Think of Baptism as that **bottomless** bank account, or a well of fresh water that never runs dry. We have it in our possession. Now we need to put that baptismal bank account **to daily use**, as **Luther** taught in the Small Catechism. **Daily confessing** our sin to God, **drowning** all that is death and darkness and evil in us, **burying** it in Jesus' death, so that sin would have no dominion over us. Daily we need to **pray** out of our Baptism for cleansing and renewal as David did: **"Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean. Wash me and I will be whiter than snow."** Or, as we say or pray after the sermon each Sunday, **"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."** We need to pray each day that the Spirit would teach us all things and bring to our remembrance the Words of Jesus. He will bring to your mind Jesus' Words of forgiveness **that you heard today**. And, in that case, when those Words are spoken by any one of us mere mortals, they are actually **Christ's Words**. **Cling** to these Words. **Treasure** them. **Guard** them. They are His Words, but (because He loves you *so much*) He wants **YOU to have them**.

**2.** Along with His presence, **JESUS ALSO PROMISES PEACE**. Peace is **His legacy**: "Peace I leave with you." **Peace is also His gift**. "My peace I give to you." The peace He gives is an "unworldly" peace, a peace that the world cannot give. The world's peace comes through war. I guess, Jesus' peace came through war too, but it wasn't any human war. It was the **war** God and Jesus had **and won** over Satan! Jesus' peace comes through His wounds (His battle scars), His broken body and His shed blood. **"The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed."** His peace holds even though the world's peace fails, though war and rumor of war is all around us, though nations are in uproar and testing their nuclear bombs, though our life here may seem to be in turmoil. Even when "all hell seems to be breaking loose" around us, we have peace with Jesus. Unshakable peace. Eternal peace. Peace that exceeds (passes all) our understanding.

**FIND PEACE?** Likewise, why don't we realize this peace or experience it more fully? Why don't we seem to realize that peace? Why are we always **searching for peace?** Again, we have **only ourselves to blame**. It's our sin, our unbelief cloud getting in the way of this peace of Jesus.

**BEEN THERE ALL THE TIME** There is **nothing wrong with the Peace** of Jesus or our **Baptism** or the **Holy Spirit**. **IT'S US**. Our sin against others and God, and the sin of others against us, have smudged the view, robbing us of peace. But the peace of Jesus is (still, always) there for you. Let Him wipe away the dust and dirt from your window, the crud that clouds your view of His peace. Let His **Blood** cleanse you from all unrighteousness. Let His **Baptism** wash you with His forgiveness. Let His **Words** renew and restore your life. You will discover that **His Peace and His Presence have been there all along! Just like He said**.

(v27) "Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." **His Presence** and **His Peace** are yours. You have His Words. Hang on to them. **JJ'N, Amen. SDG**

**Possible Prayer of the Church ✨ Sixth Sunday of Easter 🕊 May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
*You have promised, O LORD, to be our God, and we rejoice to be Your children by grace. Hear now the prayers of Your people for all manner and conditions of men. (Possible brief silence)*

For the saving peace of Christ among the nations, for the Church here and throughout the world, and for those who serve her in Christ's Name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the grace of the Spirit to awaken us and all people to repentance and faith, and for courage to sustain us in the faith through days of trouble and trial, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, for zeal for the house of God and the things of God, for peace in our hearts and for peace in our days, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who serve us in Christ's Name and deliver to us the fruits of His redeeming work, and for those who will hear and heed His call to service in this generation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For good leaders and good government in this and in every place; for police, emergency personnel and disaster-relief workers; and for the members of the **armed forces** who defend us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a long memory to recall those who gave the full measure of their devotion to our country and served faithfully until death in the protection of our freedom and in the defense of our land, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the graduates who begin a new chapter of their lives, that they may find a place and a purpose to use their gifts and employ their knowledge for the good of others, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the lonely, for the troubled in mind and heart, for the poor, for the homeless and for those who have lost hope and become prisoners to despair, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the ill, the grieving and the dying, especially for those we name with our voices [*including **OSL Prayer List***] and in our hearts ... and for the grace to sustain them in their hour of need, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our communion this day, that we may receive for our good the precious gifts of Christ's body and blood in His Holy Communion, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the traveler in their journeys, that they may go in safety and arrive home again in peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who bring gifts of worship and praise, and for the tithes and offerings given in thanksgiving for the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful who have gone before us with the sign of faith, that the Lord may soon bring us to be with them and all those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**