

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21



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Let all the earth cry out to God with joy! (Psalm response)

How fresh and true these words remain even though I have heard and/or pondered them for many years. What new insights will be revealed to me today as they enter my mind and heart as though for the first time? What new message is Jesus leading me to today? Will I allow the “new” message to deepen in me the love held out again today? Perhaps the “new” message is the same “old” message of God’s immense love for me no matter how many days or years I have lived on this earth. How can I share those insights with others – my companions on the journey?

But perhaps a “new” insight is not required – just a deepening reflection on and realization of how much this Father God, this son Jesus, and this Holy Spirit God continue to walk with me every moment of every day.

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“Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love (them) and we will come to (them.)” (Jn. 14; 23)

“Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And, whoever loves me will be loved by my Father.”

How simple it sounds – and how difficult it is to do!

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