

6th Sunday of Easter

(Acts 8.5, 14-17, 1 Peter 3.15-18, John 14.15-18)

Theme: You are not alone.

Beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord, as we continue to experience the presence of the Risen Lord among us before his ascension into heaven. Our Lord Jesus assures us again his beloved children that he is going to be with us forever, that although he is going back to the Father, he is also going to be with us always through the Spirit. Jesus said,

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you in a little while the world will no longer see me; because I live you also live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me and I in you" (Jn 14. 15-21)

Dear friends in Christ Jesus, with this our Lord Jesus wants us to understand that all those who come to him will never be abandoned. Jesus wants us to realize that he is always with us in every moment of our lives. 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 forever" (Jn 14. 15-21). Hence, when we hear the word of God and accept it in our lives, when we come to God in prayer believing and trusting in him, and when we come to Christ through the Eucharist and active participation in our liturgical celebrations we unite ourselves with Christ. He lives in us and we live in him.

Thus, with the Spirit of Christ in our lives, the evangelist Peter through the second reading of today calls us to always give an account of our faith when the occasion arises, bearing in mind that we are not alone;

"Beloved: In your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an account for the hope that is in you" (1 Pet.3 15-18). In such moments of loneliness, trials, temptations and various challenges in our lives, we have to be bold and witness that our redeemer is alive forever, that he is always close to help and bless those who love him and have him as their Lord and God.