

Readings for Sunday, May 17, 2020 — Rogate, The Sixth Sunday of Easter

OLD TESTAMENT — Jeremiah 29:11–14

The LORD Desires Peace for His People

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive. ^(NKJV)

GRADUAL

P: Christ, who has redeemed us with His blood

C: Has risen and appeared to us.

P: If I am lifted up from the earth

C: I will draw all peoples to Myself.

P: I came forth from the Father and have come into the world.

C: Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.

P: Hallelujah! Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.

C: Therefore let us keep the feast. Hallelujah!

EPISTLE — James 1:22–27

Admonition to Living Worship

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. ^(NKJV)

HOLY GOSPEL — St. John 16:23–30

Prayer in the Name of Jesus

“And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. “These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.” His disciples said to Him, “See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God.” ^(NKJV)