

05-25-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Many people yearn for peace in the world’s terms: cessation of conflict, whether psychological tension or warfare; a sense of calm or serenity of spirit. The peace that Jesus promises...might include such things, but the peace that Jesus gives is nothing less than the consequence of the presence of God. When God is present, peace is made manifest.”

Geoffrey M. St. J. Hoare



John 14:23-29

Questions for Reflection —

- How do you presently most need the assistance of the Holy Spirit: for comfort? for strength? for guidance? for empowerment? What does it mean for you to prepare and sustain a home in your heart for the abiding presence of God within you? What will help you to maintain that inner space for the indwelling of God’s Holy Spirit?
- What do you think Jesus’ peace entails? How have you personally known the deep abiding peace of Christ? What is presently troubling or unsettling you? What spiritual practices might enable you to access Christ’s peace, especially in the face of fear or anxiety? How are you being invited to be open to a deeper way of being in relationship with Jesus?
- What does passing the peace during worship mean to you? How do you further share the peace of Christ during the week with those you encounter in your daily life? What do you need in order to be a non-anxious presence for others in your neighborhood, workplace, home, or school? What does it mean for Christ’s peace to flow into our congregation and through us out into the world? How might we engage practices of peace and peacemaking to bring healing in these divisive times in our society?

Daily Household Prayer

Risen Christ, may we who in baptism die to sin, rise again to new life and find our place in your living body. May the new covenant sealed in your blood bring healing and reconciliation to this wounded world. Alleluia. You are risen. Praise and glory to the living God. Amen.