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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Gospel, John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

Reflection Jn15:15

"I have called you friends because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father."

Something remarkable has happened, Jesus calls me his friend. He is like us in all things but sin and has a human heart that beats with love for me. Nothing in my life is indifferent to him. The smallest acts I do in order to please him do in fact please him. Jesus revealed to St. Margaret Mary Alocque the following words, "Behold this heart which loves so much and is so little loved." I am called to love Jesus not just for myself but for those who do not love him in return or have abandoned him.



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Questions for Reflection:

Can I say that I am a friend of Jesus by my life?

Is there anything in my life that displeases my friend?

Is there anyone or anything I love more than Jesus?

Psalm
98:1, 2-3, 3-4

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.



"This I command you: love one another."

From Alforjas de Pastoral