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SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Holy Week through Pentecost

APRIL 5 – MAY 31
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The Seasons of Lent and Easter in 2020 A.D.

Lent is a special time of preparation for the celebration of the Easter season. Throughout the Lenten season we devote ourselves to prayer, fasting, and alms-giving.

During Holy Week we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, His suffering and death on the Cross, and His burial in the tomb.

On Easter Sunday we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. We continue to celebrate the Easter Season for fifty days until Pentecost Sunday, the day the Holy Spirit was given to the Church.

This year we have suffered much of Lent from the global pandemic through cancellations of public Masses, limitations on reception of the Eucharist and other sacraments, and isolation from family and friends.

Holy Week will also be a time of trial: the unique liturgies of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Masses of Easter will not be celebrated in church with our fellow Catholics, but at home.

We pray that Catholics around the world will again be celebrating in church in the presence of Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist before the Easter Season is completed, and that we will receive a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church at Pentecost.

Learn the "Come Holy Spirit" prayer below and pray it often.

**Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of Your love.
Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.**



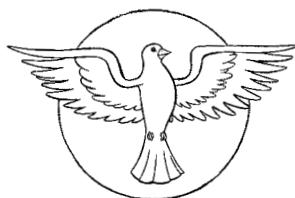
Come Holy Spirit!

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

During His Passion, Jesus accepted His Cross and bore abuse and pain silently. He carried His Cross to the Place of the Skull and was nailed to it. When He finally gave up His spirit, His body was taken down and laid in a tomb provided by Joseph of Arimathea.

The Passion of the Lord: Matthew 26: 14-27:66



PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for coming down to earth to offer Your life for us. May we repeat the words of faith from the centurion and say, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" Amen.



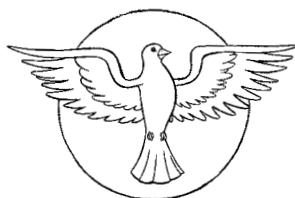
**“For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.”**

Holy Thursday

April 9, 2020

During the Passover supper, Jesus got up and poured water into a bowl. He started washing the disciples' feet and drying them with a towel. Peter told Jesus not to wash his feet, but Jesus said, "If I do not wash you, you will have no part in Me." When He finished washing their feet, Jesus said, "I have given you a model to follow. If I have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet."

Gospel Reading: John 13:1-15



PRAYER

Jesus, You are our teacher and Lord, but You came to serve. By Your grace, help me to see the ways I can follow Your example and serve my neighbor in humility and love. Amen.

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“I have given you a model to follow ... ”

Good Friday

April 10, 2020

Jesus' mother, Mary, stood by the Cross with Mary Magdalene and the disciple John. They wanted to be near Jesus even as He hung on the Cross. When Jesus saw them, He told John to care for Mary as his own mother. Then Jesus said, "I thirst." So they gave Him some wine to drink from a sponge. When Jesus drank the wine He said at last, "It is finished." And bowing His head, He died.

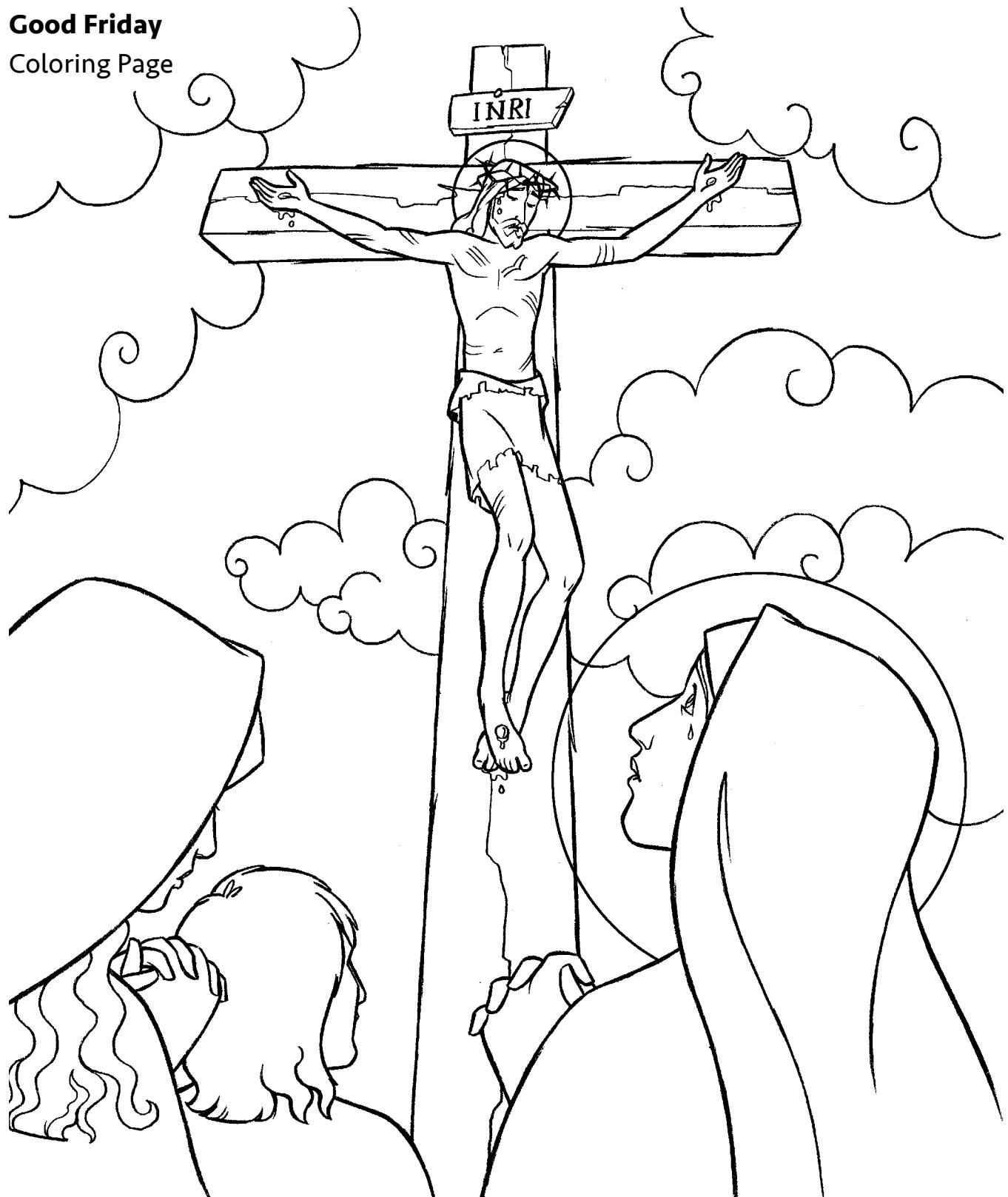
Gospel Reading: John 18:1-19:42



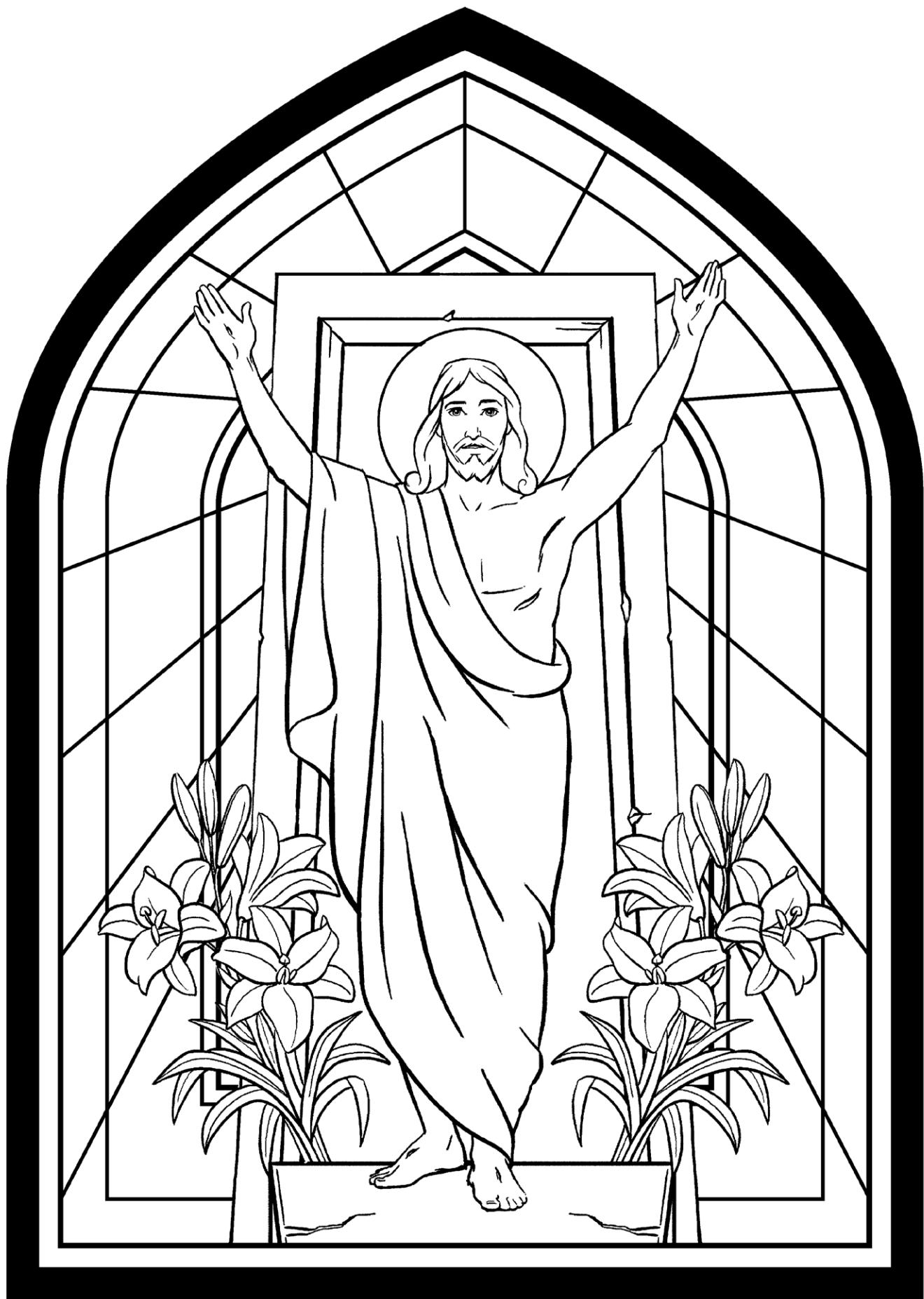
PRAYER

Jesus, with Your last few breaths You showed Your love for Your Mother by entrusting her to Your disciple John. Everything the Father gave to You, You gave back to Him in love. Jesus, be my strength so that I can love like You. Amen.

Good Friday
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"It is finished." And bowing His head, He died.





HE IS RISEN!

**HE IS TRULY
RISEN!**

ALLELUIA

Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early in the morning when it was still dark. She saw the stone rolled back and ran to tell Peter and John. The two disciples then ran to the tomb as fast as they could. When they arrived they saw the burial cloths there, but the cloth that covered Jesus' head was rolled up and put to the side. They saw and believed that Jesus had risen from the dead.

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9



PRAYER

Father, we praise You for Jesus' Resurrection! His victory over death brings new life to the world. At our baptism we received Your gift of new life. Help us to live out the baptismal promises we renew today with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.



“They saw and believed.”

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2020

The disciples were afraid of the Jews who had condemned Jesus, so they hid and locked the doors. But Jesus came and stood in their midst. "Peace be with you," He said. He showed the disciples His hands and His side, and they rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus breathed on them and they received the Holy Spirit. He gave them power to forgive sins and sent them out to all the world in the Father's name.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19–31



PRAYER

Jesus, You sent the disciples to carry the good news of salvation to all the world. Fill me with the Holy Spirit so I can share Your love and mercy with everyone I meet. Amen.



“Peace be with you.”

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2020



“Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2020



**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

Two disciples were walking together towards Emmaus. The risen Jesus joined them on the road but they did not recognize Him. They began to talk about the recent events surrounding Jesus' death in Jerusalem and Jesus began interpreting the Scriptures to help them understand. Finally, the two disciples recognized Jesus only when He blessed and broke bread.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 13–35



PRAYER

Jesus, help me to recognize Your presence in my life today. By Your grace, I want to be quick to recognize You like the disciples on the Road to Emmaus did when You broke bread. Amen.



“They recognized Him in the breaking of the bread.”

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

Jesus said, "I am the gate. Whoever enters through Me will be saved...I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Jesus wants every person on earth to follow Him and one day be with Him in Heaven.

Gospel Reading: John 10: 1-10



PRAYER

Father, thank You for giving us Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Through His care for us we know Your love. Help us always to hear Jesus' voice and to follow Him. Amen.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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“My sheep hear My voice ... and they follow Me.”

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

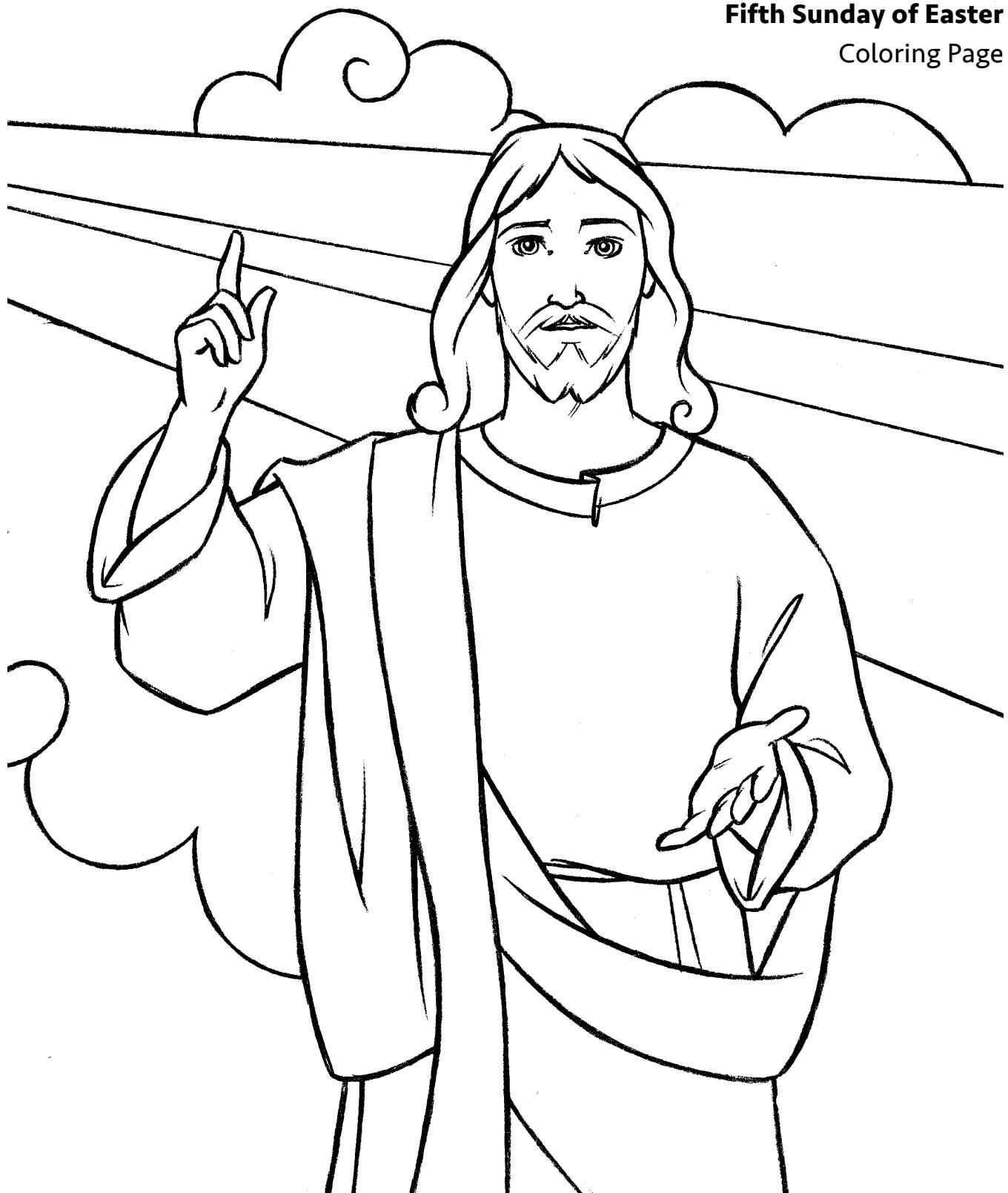
Jesus said, “Amen, Amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.” Even after Jesus assumes into Heaven, He assured His disciples that they will continue to do the work of Jesus’ ministry in His name.

Gospel Reading: John 14: 1-12



PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for coming to earth to give us an example to follow. Now that You have returned to Heaven, help us continue to live faithfully here on earth until we can be with You and the Father in Heaven. Amen.



“I will come back again and take you to Myself.”

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

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 always, the Spirit of truth ... you know Him, because He remains with you, and will be in you.”

Gospel Reading: John 14: 15-21



PRAYER

Jesus, You promised to send the Holy Spirit to help us follow You to Heaven. Open our minds and hearts to Your grace so that we can receive the Holy Spirit with love and always follow where He leads. Amen.



“I will ask the Father and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always.”

The Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 21, 2020

(Celebrated in some dioceses on Sunday, May 24, 2020)

Before being assumed into Heaven, Jesus said, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28: 16–20



PRAYER

Father, Jesus is now in Heaven with You working for the salvation of the world. Fill us with Your Spirit so that we can be bold and tell everyone about Your saving work. Amen.

The Ascension of the Lord

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He blessed them and was taken up to Heaven.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020

Jesus said, “Father, the hour has come, Give glory to Your Son, so that Your Son may glorify You, just as You gave Him authority over all people, so that Your Son may give eternal life to all You gave Him ... now glorify Me, Father, with You, with the glory that I had with You before the world began.”

Gospel Reading: John 17: 1-11



PRAYER

Father, hear Jesus' constant prayers for us. Send the Holy Spirit to us so that we can love each other as You love Jesus. Amen.

The Ascension of the Lord

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“They belong to You and You gave them to Me.”

Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020

After appearing suddenly in the midst of the disciples, Jesus said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” He then breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

Gospel Reading: John 20: 19–23



PRAYER

Father, thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to the disciples at Pentecost. Fill us again with Your Holy Spirit so that Your life and love may grow in us. Amen.

Pentecost Sunday

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“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Monday, June 1, 2020



**He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son."
Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother."**