

## Sunday 10 May 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

### First Reading - Acts 7.52-60

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Concluding his statement

to the high priest  
and the council,  
Stephen now accused them directly.

'Your ancestors persecuted

every prophet  
they were sent.

They killed those who spoke  
of the coming of  
the Righteous One.

And now

you have become  
his betrayers  
and his murderers.

You had the privilege  
of receiving God's law,  
but you never obeyed it!'

The high priest

and the council  
were furious  
at Stephen's words.

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
gazed into heaven, and said,

'I see  
the glory of God,  
and I see  
Jesus, standing  
at the right hand of God!'

But they covered their ears,  
and with a loud shout,  
they rushed at Stephen,  
and dragged him out of the city.

Then laying their coats

at the feet  
of a young man  
named Saul,

they began  
to stone  
Stephen.

Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus,  
receive my spirit.'

And falling

to his knees,  
as he died,  
Stephen cried out, 'Lord,  
do not hold this sin against them.'

This is the word of the Lord.

### Second Reading - 1 Peter 3.15b-18a

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Always be ready

to speak about  
the confidence  
that you have in your faith.

Do so with gentleness, and respect,  
and with a clear conscience,  
so that those who speak against you  
will be

put to shame  
by your good conduct  
in Christ.

It is better to suffer

for doing good

than to suffer

for doing wrong;

as Christ also suffered - the righteous  
for the unrighteous,  
once, for the sins of all,  
to bring us back to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

### Gospel - John 14.15-21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me,  
and live by all that I have taught you,

I will ask the Father,  
and he will send you  
the Holy Spirit,  
to be with you -  
the Spirit of truth,

unknown to the world,  
but known to you,  
to be alongside you,  
amongst you,  
and within you.

Soon, the world  
will not see me.

But you will see me.

I will not  
leave you desolate.

I will come to you.

And you will live,  
because I live.

And you will know  
that I am in the Father.

And you will know

that you are in me,  
and that  
I am in you.

If you love me,  
and live by all  
that I have taught you,

I will love you,  
and my Father

will love you,

and you will know  
that I am with you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.