

## Proclamation Format

# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year C

**When the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated the following Sunday,  
the second reading and Gospel from the Seventh Sunday of Easter  
may be read on the Sixth Sunday of Easter.**

Reading 1

*Citation:* Acts, Chap. 15, Verses 1-2, 22, 29  
Acts 15: 1-2, 22, 29

**The resolution of the crisis about the Gentiles. A very important story. Take your time. Reflect the seriousness of the situation in your tone. Be in command/control yet attempting to be understanding and loving. You are definitely the reporter but one very much in agreement with what you are reporting.**

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers, (very short pause)

"Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, (a cautionary tone)  
you cannot be saved."

Because there arose no little dissension (you're a narrator here)  
and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them, (parenthetical?)  
it was decided that Paul,

Barnabas,  
and some of the others  
should go up to Jerusalem  
to the apostles and elders (parenthetical?)  
about this question. (short pause)

The apostles and elders,  
in agreement with the whole church, (parenthetical but positive)  
decided to choose representatives  
and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas.

The ones chosen were (very short pause)  
Judas,  
who was called Barsabbas, (parenthetical)  
and Silas,  
leaders among the brothers. (parenthetical) (short pause)

This is the letter delivered by them: (very short pause)

"The apostles and the elders,  
your brothers, (NOT parenthetical)  
to the brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia of Gentile origin: (very short pause)  
greetings. (very short pause)

Since we have heard that some of our number  
who went out without any mandate from us (somewhat parenthetical)

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have upset you with their teachings  
and disturbed your peace of mind,  
we have with one accord decided to choose representatives  
and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,  
who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(very short pause)

(somewhat parenthetical)

So  
we are sending Judas and Silas  
who will also convey this same message by word of mouth:

(short pause)

'It is the decision of the Holy Spirit  
and of us  
not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities,  
namely,  
to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols,  
from blood,  
from meats of strangled animals,  
and from unlawful marriage.

(solemn? very serious tone)

(almost insistent)

[A LIST!]

If you keep free of these,  
you will be doing what is right.

(be reassuring)

(very short pause)

Farewell.' "

(be reassuring)

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Reading 2

*Citation:* Revelation, Chap. 21, Verses 10-14, 22-23  
Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23

**St. John "sees" the Jerusalem of the future and relates his vision to his community. He wants them to believe the importance of this vision and is far from an objective observer. He uses Jewish symbolism ("twelve") as his means of forcing the argument. Be John.**

### A reading from the Book of Revelation

The angel took me  
in spirit (almost parenthetical?)  
to a great, high mountain (separate "great" from "high")  
and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. (very short pause)

It gleamed with the splendor of God. (very short pause)  
Its radiance was like that of a precious stone,  
like jasper,  
clear as crystal. (very short pause)

It had a massive, high wall, (separate "massive" from "high")  
with twelve gates (almost in awe!)  
where twelve angels were stationed ( don't be afraid to emphasize  
and on which names were inscribed, ("twelve" – it is significant!  
the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites. (very short pause)

There were three gates facing east,  
three north, three south,  
and three west. (very short pause)

The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, ("twelve," again)  
on which were inscribed the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (very short pause)

I saw no temple in the city (almost disbelief?)  
for its temple is the Lord God almighty  
and the Lamb. (very short pause)

The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it,  
for the glory of God gave it light,  
and its lamp was the Lamb.

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Gospel

*Citation:* John, Chap. 14, Verses 23-29  
John 14: 23-29

**Jesus is attempting to get his disciples ready for His departure. He is assuring them that they will be able to persevere. He relies on their trust in Him to help them accept His departure. Have that emotion in your voice as you relate this story.**

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Whoever loves me  
will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. (take your time – this sentence)

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; (factual statement)

yet the word you hear is not mine  
but that of the Father who sent me. (short pause)

"I have told you this while I am with you.  
The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name, (almost parenthetical)  
will teach you everything  
and remind you of all that I told you. (very short pause)

Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I give it to you. (almost wagging your finger)

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. (very short pause)  
You heard me tell you,  
'I am going away and I will come back to you.' (reassuring tone)  
If you loved me,  
you would rejoice that I am going to the Father;  
for the Father is greater than I.

And now I have told you this before it happens,  
so that when it happens you may believe." (build this sentence's intensity)

### The Gospel of the Lord.