

# Gospel Lesson for the Week

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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Festival of the Christian Home**

**Please Read**

**[John 14:23-29](#)**

**Read Also**

**[Psalm 67](#)**

**[Acts 16:9-15](#)**

**[Revelation 21:10](#)**

**[Revelation 21:22-22:5](#)**

*Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.*

*I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.*

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."*

--- John 14: 23-28

**Home**

**S**eeking some image, some example  
to give flesh to the Master's words  
about love and obedience,  
I'm driven back to that place  
where parental love and discipline  
modeled a life  
that called from us, their children,  
an answering obedience and love.

**N**ever in conflict,  
these pillars of family life  
stood in a blessed tension,  
upholding and strengthening  
the temple of the home.

**L**ike good parents,  
God in Christ offers us love and discipline  
in full measure.  
No la-dee-da, wishy-washy love;  
no harsh, cruel, jaw-clinched discipline,  
God's hand and heart  
is measured and balanced,  
love infused with discipline,  
discipline saturated in love,  
and presiding over it all,  
the Teacher-Spirit,  
nudging and guiding us on our way.  
Just like home; just like family.

**A**nd its reward is Peace --  
Not as the world gives,  
calculating and conniving --  
but real Peace,  
in the home  
and in the troubled heart.

*O Triune God, come dwell within my heart.  
And may your blessed peace never depart.*

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