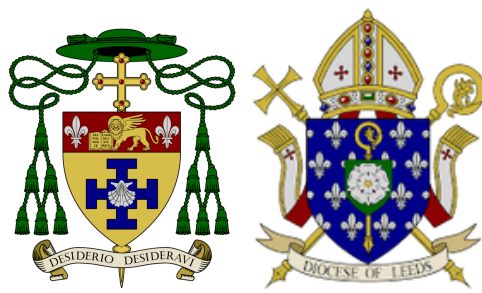


Tomb to Mission

A journey from Easter to Pentecost



SEVENTH SUNDAY

THE PRIESTLY PRAYER

These are Jesus' final words at the Last Supper, immediately before he and his disciples left the city of Jerusalem to cross the Kidron Valley and spend the night in the Garden of Gethsemane.

It would be a hard night; the last night of his life. Jesus is literally handing everything over to us. Jesus leaves us but we are not abandoned.

He says:

*I have given them the words that you gave me,
and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you;
and they have believed that you sent me.*

What are we meant to do? We are called to continue the work that Jesus began and we are to do it right here, in our own community and in this world in which we live.

What help do we have? We have Jesus' own example, given to us in the Gospels. So we should read them and listen to them being read, and we will learn what we should do.

Jesus healed and we, too, should heal. Jesus forgave others, and so we should too. Jesus recognised evil and cast it out; we have the power to do the same. We also have Jesus' words. He encourages, strengthens and guides us in what we should do. If we don't do it, who will?

And we have the Holy Spirit, given to us all at Pentecost. If we listen to the Spirit and feel His moving among us, we will know what to do and have the strength to do it. He is our Helper and teaches us what is True.¹ And remember the power of prayer. Jesus himself prays for us, not just in these final moments of his life, but always, eternally.

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