

# Musical Meditation for May 17

## *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**Bible Readings** (from PCUSA

*Revised Common*

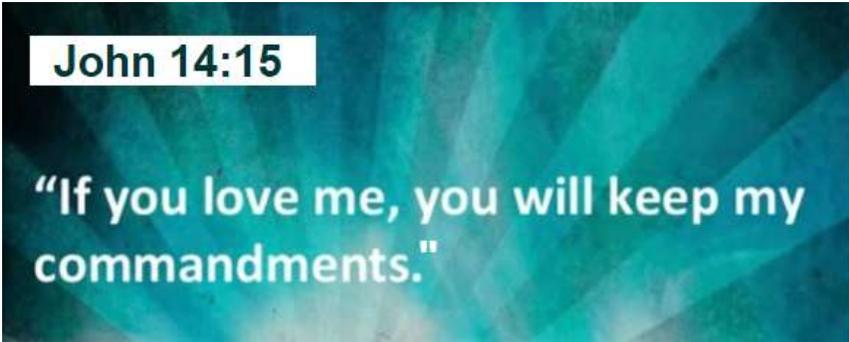
*Lectionary Readings*)

Acts 17:22–31

Psalm 66:8–20

1 Peter 3:13–22

John 14:15–21



**John 14:15**

**“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”**

**Music Selection:** “Ah, Holy Jesus”, organ arrangement by Franklin Ritter. The recording of this piece complies with the CCLI requirements of the publisher, the Lorenz Corporation.

Lyrics (Hymn #93):

1 Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended, That mortal judgment has on You descended?  
By foes derided, by Your own rejected, O most afflicted!

2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon You? It is my treason, Lord, that has undone You.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied You; I crucified You.

3 For me, dear Jesus, was Your incarnation, Your mortal sorrow, and Your life's oblation,  
Your death of anguish and Your bitter passion, For my salvation.

4 Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay You, I do adore You, and will ever praise You,  
Think on Your pity and Your love unswerving, Not my deserving.

### **Thoughts**

The New Testament reading for this week is a continuation of last week's, in which Jesus describes to his disciples what is to come in the near future. The music selection is a meditative organ arrangement of one of several hymns recommended to accompany this reading. The words of the hymn point out the guilt that Peter must have felt after he denied knowing Jesus, raising the question of whether we share this guilt and understand the full implications of His suffering and death for us.

*For our prayers, consider the sacrifice Jesus made for our redemption. As per his charge, we should follow his example in works we do to support his mission in our world. Let's also continue to pray for recovery of the still-increasing numbers of people worldwide affected by COVID-19, and for families that are impacted by the loss of loved ones, “social distancing”, and economic hardships. For guidance to our leaders as they struggle to “reopen” our society in a safe, reasonable way, and to the general population as we all struggle to find the balance between isolation and social interactions. For medical and service workers who need our support and prayers; they are continuing their labors, at personal risk, to heal the sick and keep our society functioning, ensuring that basic needs for food and shelter are met on a continuing basis. And, finally, we should continue taking our personal concerns to God.*