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## LITURGICAL RESPONSE

**NATALIE:** May God bless the reading of His Word. Together, we pray:

**EVERYONE:** May His Word transform our lives, In Jesus’ Name. Amen



CATHERINE O'HARA

# HOME<sup>▲</sup>ALONE



*“Life with Me doesn’t end when I leave—  
it actually deepens because...”*

**Life without My physical presence  
will now be sustained by My Spirit.”**

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**JOHN 14:12-14 (CSB)**

# HERE'S THE REALITY ABOUT YOU IF YOU FOLLOW JESUS:

## The Holy Spirit dwells within you, which means...

Even if you are the *weakest* Christian who ever lived,  
that alone makes you *greater* than John the Baptist—  
whom Jesus called the greatest prophet who ever lived.

(JD Greear)

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# JOHN



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*“The same power that, through Jesus, brought regeneration and life to many flows through us. The same wisdom that brought healing to the most fragmented relationships is operable in us. The same miraculous love that brought life to impossible situations resides in us, through the Holy Spirit!”*

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But, the power of the Spirit  
Jesus is talking about  
often shows up in ways  
the world would overlook.

**Sometimes the greatest power doesn't *stand over* someone—  
it kneels beside them.**

**Who in your life might still be “under the bed”**  
— *hiding in anger, fear, grief, sadness, or shame* —  
**and how might the Spirit be inviting you**  
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**JOHN 14:16, 25-26 (CSB)**

“*Counselor*” = **paraklētos**

**para** — alongside  
**kaleō** — to call

“*one who is called alongside.*”

# “paraklētos”

In the ancient world, **paraklētos** could describe:

- a **legal advocate** who speaks on your behalf
- a **defender** who stands with you when you're accused
- a **helper** who strengthens you when you're weak
- a **comforter** who stays when everything is falling apart
- a **counselor** who provides wisdom/guidance when you're afraid/lost

From The Creators of *Cars* and *The Incredibles*

Disney · PIXAR  
**RATATOUILLE**





The Spirit doesn't take  
over your humanity—  
He works alongside it.  
Guiding.  
Prompting.  
Helping.  
*Always near. Never absent.*

“I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your old men will dream dreams,  
your young men will see visions.

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I will pour out my Spirit in those days.”

— JOEL 2:28-29

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**JOHN 14:15, 21,23-24 (CSB)**

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**PARAKLĒTOS**

*“Without the Holy Spirit, we can neither love Christ nor keep his commandments. The less experience we have of the Spirit’s presence, the less we can do, while the fuller our experience of the Spirit is, the greater is our ability...”*

**You don’t obey Jesus by trying harder.**  
**You obey Jesus because the Spirit gives you a new capacity to love Him.**



**Often, we struggle with obedience because we're trying to obey  
...without intimacy.  
...without prayer.  
...without dependence on the Spirit.**

**But the Spirit is the One who makes obedience possible.**

**The Spirit doesn't just hand us better directions for obedience.  
He changes what we're DRAWN TOWARD.**

He helps us see Jesus as  
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**JOHN 14:27-31(CSB)**

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**“SHALOM”**

A deep, steady wholeness  
that holds you together  
when life feels like it's coming apart.

**2 “Open the gates so a righteous nation can come in—  
one that remains faithful.**

**3 You will keep the mind that is dependent on you  
in perfect peace, for it is trusting in you.**

**4 Trust in the Lord forever,  
because in the Lord, the Lord himself, is an everlasting rock!”**

**“6 Don’t worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus**

The Spirit doesn't promise that the fire won't hurt.  
But He assures us we are not abandoned in it.

**PSALM 46:1-3**

*1 God is our refuge and strength,  
a helper who is always found  
in times of trouble.*

*2 Therefore we will not be afraid,  
though the earth trembles  
and the mountains topple  
into the depths of the seas,  
3 though its water roars and foams  
and the mountains quake with its turmoil.*

# A PRAYER of CONFESSION

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Holy Spirit,  
we confess we have relied on our own strength—  
trying to obey without abiding,  
trying to change ourselves instead of trusting You.

Forgive us for striving where You invited us to rest.  
Fill us, transform us, and teach us to depend on You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Inhale: Not by our strength...**

**Exhale: ...but by Your Spirit.**