



This Sunday's Gospel – 5th Sunday of Easter Year A

(John 14:1-12)

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.'



This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer One

The Sign of the Cross

Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Reflection:

In this week's Gospel, Jesus describes himself as 'the way, the truth, and the life.'

Why do you think Jesus is the Way?

In life there are a lot of paths that we can choose. There are a lot of decisions we can make and a lot of options in front of us.

That may sound brilliant, and it certainly has its advantages, but the problem is that some of the options and paths open to us in life are bad.

Jesus promises to guide us. He promises to show us the good paths if we follow him, which means that we can get closer to being the happy, loving people we were created to be. So, this week, make sure you take time to think about which is the right path to take



Final Prayer:

LOVING FATHER...

Help us not to be confused or overwhelmed by the choices we have to make in life, but help us not to be too casual either. Instead, help us to make decisions wisely and to always make our faith in you the most important thing.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.



Prayer Two

The Sign of the Cross

**Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Reflection:

**In this week's Gospel, Jesus describes himself as
'the way, the truth, and the life'**

Why do you think Jesus is the Truth?

It is said that the human heart is made to search for three things: truth, beauty and love. These things enrich us and bring us closer to ourselves. They also bring us closer to the mind behind creation.

We live in a world where truth is often sacrificed for convenience or for profit or for some other short term gain.

How many stories are there in the media about people caught out lying? How often do you discover that you have been lied to? How often - if you're honest - do you lie to somebody else because it's the easiest thing to do?

The Gospel of Jesus and the teaching of his Church offer a guarantee of truth in a world that doesn't always respect it, and our faith demands of us that we respect truth and that we base our lives around it. This week, ask yourself if you need to make truth a bigger priority in your life.



Final Prayer:

LOVING FATHER...

May we always treasure what is true and shun what is not. May we have the wisdom to see the truth clearly, and the courage to act on it.

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON,
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.**

Prayer Three

The Sign of the Cross

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In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

***Reflection: In this week's Gospel, Jesus
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and the life.'***



Why do you think Jesus is the Life?

Last week, in the Gospel reading Jesus told his listeners that he came so that 'they may have life, and have it to the full.' It's a powerful idea, and one that is reinforced in this week's Gospel. It's very easy to see faith as something that squashes your life, your fun, your personality. Yet, it's also completely false. Jesus doesn't want us to be slaves. He wants us to be fully alive in him: happy, contented, joyful. Sometimes our faith stops us from doing things that seem appealing or it comes out against something that seems to be good and right. Sadly it's those things that the world tends to focus on, but when we understand Jesus and his Gospel properly, we come to see that it's all part of a bigger plan - a plan which truly knows what is right, what is true and what is good because it comes from the creator himself.. ..and that's why it leads to true LIFE!

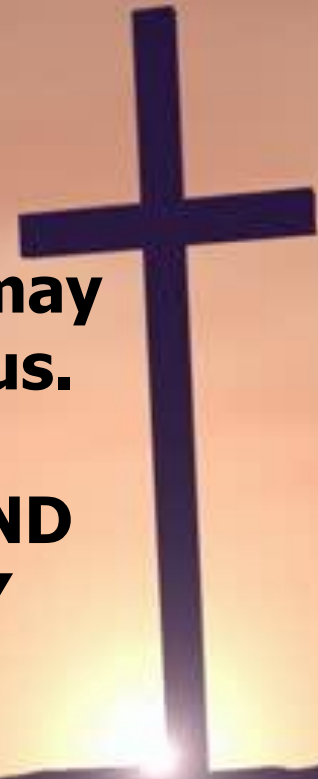


Final Prayer

LOVING FATHER...

**May we always have happy,
complete and fulfilling lives, and may
they be centred on your love for us.**

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND
OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY
SPIRIT. AMEN.**



Final Thought...



THE **TRUTH** IS LIKE A **LION**.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DEFEND IT.
LET IT **LOOSE**. IT WILL DEFEND ITSELF.

– *St. Augustine*

Next weeks theme: Over to You