



May 3rd 2026 5th Sunday of Easter Year A - John 14:1 – 12

¹⁴⁻¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

⁹Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel. ➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition. ➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).
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In this week's gospel we read of the very deep teaching of Jesus to his apostles at the Last Supper. He tells them "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me." We see Thomas struggling with the desire, which is in all of us to know exactly our destination before we set out. Jesus invites him and all of us to make an act of faith and take one step at a time. Philip wants to experience God directly and Jesus shows him that he is experiencing God all the time when he involves himself in His works.

Just as Jesus was facing a great crisis in His life and community we are now facing a crisis which is very difficult at times. What words of Jesus bring us consolation and hope at this time? “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” “Trust in God still and trust in me”

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for those you sent to us who invited us to become involved in your works and to our surprise we found that you were working with us and we felt your presence among us.

Forgive us Lord for the times we let our hearts be filled with fears and anxieties instead of hearing your words "Trust in God still and trust in me.

Lord help us not to worry but to give ourselves to the present moment trusting in the Holy Spirit to help us on our journey through this life to you, especially in these difficult times.