

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

3 May 26 - CYCLE A



NAME WHAT ALREADY INHABITED

We live in a world that accumulates maps and loses its way. We seek meaning in screens, in speed, and yet something within us still hungers for truth. Today, Jesus doesn't give us a manual or a route: he offers himself as the way. The liturgy calls us to examine whether we continue to seek God in the heights of the abstract, or whether we are capable of recognizing him in the face of the person next to us. Acts shows us a community that didn't wait to have everything figured out: it chose servants, distributed tasks, and the Word continued to grow. Peter reminds us that we are living stones, not passive spectators.

Today God asks us the same question He asked Philip: "Have I been with you so long and you still do not know me?"

SONG. COME AND GO WITH ME

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7TncDDYxwI>

GOSPEL – John 14, 1-12

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My 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? And 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. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said, “Lord, show us the father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus 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?’” Don't you believe that I am in the father and 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. Believe 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 Amen, Amen, truly I tell 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.”

To delve deeper into the Word today (*Marie-Noëlle THABUT*)

Acts 6,1-7. New and diverse ministries will be progressively instituted to respond to the needs of the Church and its mission.

Psalm 32. Thanksgiving for the fruitfulness of the Word and for diversity.

1 Peter 2,4-9. Founded on Christ, "the cornerstone", the community of those who have responded to God's call constitutes a living whole, "the spiritual Temple".

John 14, 1-12. “Amen, Amen, truly I tell you: whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do. And they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the father.” If Jesus begins by saying, “Do not let your hearts be troubled,” it is because the disciples did not hide their anguish, and this is understandable; they know that a general hostility surrounds them, they know that the countdown has begun.

This anguish was heightened, in some, by a terrible disappointment: “We expected him to be the one who would liberate Israel, and his leader is

going to be condemned, executed... our illusions shattered.” Jesus, for his part, tries to shift their hope: he is not going to fulfill what his miracles have brought forth; he is not going to lead a national uprising against the colonizer; on the contrary, he never ceases to preach nonviolence. The liberation he brings is on another plane. Although he does not fulfil the earthly expectations of his people, he is, nevertheless, the one they had been waiting for. Jesus begins by calling them to faith, to this fundamental attitude of the Jewish people that can be found in all the psalms, for example. Hope can only rest on faith, and Jesus insists several times on the word “believe.” However, believing in God is one thing—this is a given—and believing in Jesus is another, especially at a moment when he seems to have definitively lost the battle. So, it is necessary to make them perceive the profound unity existing between the Father and him; and this is the second line of focus of the text: "I am in the Father, and the Father is in me" (and Jesus pronounces this phrase twice). It would be necessary to take the time to delve into each of the phrases from this last interview of Jesus with his disciples. To dare to say, "I am the truth and the life," is to identify oneself with God himself. And yet, at the same time, these two persons are very different, since Jesus also says, "I am the way," and it is understood that he is the way to the Father. Jesus concludes with a solemn promise: "Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing." This means that, from now on, the disciples are associated with the work begun by God to liberate humanity from all forms of slavery, both physical and moral. **This promise of Christ should convince us forever that this liberation is possible.**

I pray with the word

Jesus doesn't want to leave us alone and speaks to us of his presence with us, while at the same time showing us the way—himself! The way, the truth, and the life. He shares his mission with us. Sometimes I wonder if we truly believe it, if we live it with him and through him. How do you live it? Do you believe it?



SOUL GARDENER FULL ALBUM - JERRY PALMER

<https://youtu.be/9HcvDPH6xA0?si=ouztHcvn5mQZs4Qx>

THE TRANSPARENCY OF WHAT IS CLOSE

Let not your heart be
troubled,
you said as night fell
and your people already
smelled betrayal
like one smell rain before it
falls.
You don't give paths,
you are the path that walks
with you,
the truth that doesn't impose
itself
but waits at the door.
Thomas asked for directions,
he wanted a map on the table,
and you offered him your
presence
as the only possible compass.
Philip sought the father
in some distant and solemn
place,
and the Father was already
looking at him
through your everyday eyes.

We are not temple ornaments
but stones that bear real
weight,
chosen to build
a house where everyone fits.
The Church that shares the
bread
doesn't betray the Word,
it fulfils it at every table set
where no one is superfluous
and no one is lacking.
You promised greater works,
not otherworldly feats,
but justice here,
dignity today, fraternity now.
You are life that doesn't give
up,
even when everything seems
to be closing in.
We recognize you when we
look at each other
with the same tenderness with
which you look at us.

SONG. YOU LIGHT UP MY LIFE

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYXrd_OKARs



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