



CELEBRATING AT HOME
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus, our Way, Truth and Life (Jn 14:1-12)



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Sign of the Cross

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

Amen.

The Lord is here, present among us.

We are gathered with the whole Church in this moment of prayer.

Preparing to hear the Word

Lord Jesus,
you are our Way.

Lord Jesus,
you are our Truth.

Lord Jesus,
you are our Life.

Risen Christ,
give us the courage and strength we need
to be your living presence in the world.
Amen.

Scripture Reading (*John 14:1-12*)

Jesus said to his disciples:
'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still,
and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's
house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am
now going to prepare a place for you and after I have
gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take
you with me; so that where I am, you may be too. You
know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are
going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said,
'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can
come to the Father except through me. If you know
me, you know my Father too. From this moment you
know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we
shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time,
Philip,' said Jesus to him, 'and you still do not know
me?'

To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how
can you say, "Let us see 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 as
from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing
this work. You must believe me when I say that I am
in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the
evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will
perform the same work as I do myself, he will perform
ever greater works, because I am going to the Father."

Reflection - *Jesus, the Way, Truth & Life*

In the opening words of the Gospel, Jesus calls the
disciples to trust him and to trust God. He does so
in the context of announcing his departure to them.
Understandably, the disciples are afraid and uncertain
which the questions of Thomas and Philip show.

Jesus calls them to trust him as the way to God, the
living truth about God and the very life of God.

In a sense, Jesus is our map, our road and the
destination of our journey. But arriving at the
destination is not something which only happens in
heaven. We are meant to start arriving now through
the gift of the Spirit.

It is the spirit of Jesus who holds us in communion
with God, who reveals to us the truth about God and
who is the very life of God within each of us. Jesus is
the reign of God in person and that is what we are
called to be, too.

We want to live true to the vocation God has given
us, aware of the Spirit which has been placed into
our hearts, allowing that Spirit to change us into true
believers so that the face of God might be seen within
our own.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, help us to really listen to you
and to one another.

Keep us strong in faith, hope and love
so that the face of Jesus may be seen in us.

We pray for all those mourning loved ones:
bring them comfort and peace.

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Lord's Prayer

Formed by the teaching and example of Jesus,
we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Closing Prayer

Lord, God,
in the resurrection of Jesus
you share with us his risen life.
Transform our darkness, fear and isolation
with your comforting presence
so that we can be your calm, loving,
healing presence to each other.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing

May your blessing be upon us, O Lord,
and remain with us for ever.

We go in the peace of the risen Christ!
Alleluia! Alleluia!



Journey into the Light

This resource is presented by the Carmelites for use by individuals, families and small groups as a prayerful celebration of the Word of God to help prepare us to celebrate the Eucharist with our worshipping communities. We are conscious that Christ is present not only in the Blessed Sacrament but also in the Scriptures and in our hearts. We are also conscious of the many people who, for various reasons including sickness and infirmity, cannot physically attend the Eucharist. Even when we are on our own we remain part of the Body of Christ.

In the room you decide to use for this prayer you could have a lighted candle, a crucifix and the Bible. These symbols help keep us mindful of the sacredness of our time of prayer and can help us feel connected with our local worshipping communities.

This text is arranged with parts for a leader and for all to pray, but the leader's parts can be shared among those present.

As you use this prayer know that the Carmelites will be remembering in our prayer all the members of our family.



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