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Catechizing Corner!

In today's pericope, Jesus exhorts his disciples that he is about to leave. He is going to prepare a place where they will one day join him. It will be a place of intimate union with God. Jesus encourages his disciples by telling them that they already know the way to this place. Thomas, of course, doubts that he knows the way. Jesus then tells them, in essence, that he—the Jesus they know and love—is the way, the truth, and the life.

The discourses of chapter fourteen are closely related to Jesus' last meal with his disciples. At the end of chapter thirteen, Jesus warns his disciples that he will soon die. He promises them, however, that he will not leave them alone but will return to take them home with him. This is one of the few places in John's gospel where there is reference to the parousia.

Thomas has no idea what Jesus was talking about. He did not understand; like the Jews, Thomas was clueless. He did not sense that Jesus was returning to his Father. It is at this juncture that Jesus speaks one of the most quoted lines in scripture: "I am the way, the truth, and the life." As the way, Jesus is the incarnate reality of "I Am." He is the only way that people in this earthly reality can know and experience the Creator of all. They know God because Jesus is one with God. If they know Jesus, they know God. Jesus is the revelation of God. Within the person of Jesus is the essence of the Father. Only Jesus reveals who God truly is. Jesus is *the life* because God is the author of all life. Life comes from God and Jesus is the truth of God. To know Jesus is to know God.

Mary Birmingham, *Word and Worship Workbook*,
 Cycle A Paulist Press



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Disciple's Reflection

for the
 Question
 of the Week

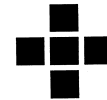
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
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Closing Prayer



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Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples of Jesus Christ connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need!

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God John 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not,

would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back again and take you to myself,

so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him,

“Master, 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 know me, then you will also know my Father.

From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him,

“Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time

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 speak to you I do not speak on my own.

The Father who dwells in me is doing his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me,

or else, believe because of the works themselves.

Amen, amen, I say to you,

whoever believes in me will do the works that I do,

and will do greater ones than these,

because I am going to the Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord



Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Even though you can't see him with your eyes, how do you "see" Jesus in others?

Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit and gave us the power to forgive sins. How do you offer forgiveness to your friends and family? How do you seek forgiveness for yourself?

Who do you find difficult to forgive and why?

When and how do you experience the "new birth" which we are given in Christ? When someone has forgiven you? When you have forgiven others? When you celebrate reconciliation? At other times?

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Sunday of Easter