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Good morning everyone

I am including the Gospel reading for today plus a reflection from Father Simon and also the link for the service from Menorca lead by Father Paul. Have a lovely Sunday

Wishing you every blessing
Vicky

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

AMEN

John 14:1-14

Jesus the Way to the Father

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. 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, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place 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 know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him,

'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? 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; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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The Gospel - John 14/vs.5 - 7

Jesus the Way to the Father

Jesus answered Thomas, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father, except through me." V.6

Good Morning. Even though we find ourselves 'housebound' by the Lockdown, many people are complaining that the all too helpful Media is crowding our days with 101 ways to keep fit, to eat well and to plan for the future. So it remains ever important that quiet times, silent times play an ever increasing role in our lives. So please switch off your smartphone and any other communications system, and embrace the peace surrounding you. Now please read and reread John 14/vs 5 - 7 and ask God to speak to you and your needs, through this passage of Holy Scripture.

This morning, we find ourselves in the presence of Christ the Teacher, surrounded by his disciples. He is perhaps saddened, that even at this late stage in his ministry, they have been unable to grasp the truth that the Man from Galilee. Has to take leave of them, if they are to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to develop the Apostolic Ministry.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God."v 1, but of course their faces betray their confusion and sadness.

There seems to be a pause in the conversation ; and then our friend Thomas sums up the thoughts of his fellow disciples, and blurts out " Lord, we don't know where you are going , so how can we know the way ?" Perhaps we can feel his frustration and desperation! We all know Jesus' response by heart ; and I suspect that we have made it our own in times of doubt and uncertainty. Perhaps this morning, as we re-embrace this teaching, this truth, we can recall those moments in our lives, when the Man from Galilee has stretched his hand out to us in our darkness and confusion ; and has led us by the hand into the sunshine of His love. Of course "the way" may be very bumpy and our vision cloudy, but he promises to lead us safely to the Father! During these challenging Pandemic times, this assurance from Jesus Christ must be a source of great comfort to the Church.

Canon Simon Stephens

The Lord's Prayer

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

And the link from Menorca for the Eucharist:-

https://youtu.be/-KaFGMrh_8M

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“please do pray for us, as we pray for you”