

# For Our Household, Jesus is the Way to the Father

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## CALL TO THE FEAST

**All:** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

*(You may begin by singing a song together.)*

**Leader:** It is our desire and response to your love that brings us to give you thanks today. Creator God, your bountiful gifts we come to know both on earth and in the heavens. Your gifts sustain us both physically and spiritually, as individuals and in community

**Leader:** Your Word created the world.

**All:** Thank you, Source of Life!

**Leader:** Your design and harmony we see in Creation is the fruit of your Word.

**All:** Thank you, Incarnating Word!

**Leader:** You gave us the same Word made flesh as Mediator.

**All:** Thank you, Word Made Flesh!

**Leader:** Jesus has spoken your words to us and called us to follow him.

**All:** Thank you for your call!

**Leader:** Jesus is the way that leads us to you.

**All:** Thank you for walking with us!

**Leader:** Jesus is the truth that sets us free.

**All:** Thank you for opening our eyes to see you!

**Leader:** Jesus is the life that fills us with gladness.

**All:** Thank you, Source of Life!

**Leader:** Through Jesus you continue to gather people of all nations, race, tribes and cultures.

**All:** Open our eyes to see your face in everyone we encounter!

**Leader:** You made all of us into one family for the glory of your name.

**All:** Thank you for our family!

**Leader:** You redeemed all of us by the Blood of his Cross.

**All:** May our witness heal others!

**Leader:** You signed us with the seal of the Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation

**All:** as well as in every moment you break into our awareness and we are inspired to respond to other people's needs as you would. Amen!

## READING AND FAITH SHARING FOR THE DAY:

*Today's Gospel is found in [John 14:1-12](#). The complete Readings can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/051020.cfm>. Each of the Readings can be read or simply the Gospel.*

*\*While someone reads the Scripture(s), listen well. Be aware of the image being painted, or the story being told. Does the story or the image call to mind anything similar in your own life or experience?\**

*After the reading, share your impressions of the reading (s) with each other:*

- ✓ Who taught you to walk? to eat? to play? With whom have you shared those skills?*
- ✓ When you were new in a neighborhood, school, place of work, gym, wo/men's group: who helped you figure out how to get around? When you found yourself in the role of mentoring someone else, whose words did you use to help them find the way? What additional nuance(s) did you add to the mentoring you received when you walked with someone else new?*

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✓ *The Father authored the Word in the Son. The Son authors the Word in us. How do I/we make sure I am faithful to the message given? How can I help illuminate the way We share the Word's meaning today so others can hear the voice of the Father, be engaged in the action of the Son and bear the fruit of healing in the Holy Spirit?*

## SHARING THE FEAST

Creator God, Source of All Life, we gather in our household (*present to each other as well as at a distance*) to remember and celebrate the Life, Teaching, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, your Son.

We long to be gathered again with our parish community to share the Bread of life and the Cup of Salvation. But since we are separate from the community now, know of our desire to receive you in the Sacrament. Recognize our desire as we break the bread of your Word and the bread of our table. Recognize that, as we drink (*water, wine, other*) symbolically, we seek to quench our spiritual thirst by opening ourselves to your presence in one another.

*The feast can be a loaf of bread (rice-cakes, chapati, naan, pita, tortilla, oatcakes, sweet bread, baguette, etc.) and a glass/cup (or individual glasses) of (wine, water, cider, grape juice). The bread and the wine are passed to one another. Each person serving the individual next to him or her.*

## PRAYER OF THANKS AND PRIASE

**All:** We thank you for the leadership of Francisco our pope and for the pastoral ministry of (Arch)Bishop *N*.

**Leader:** Keep him safe and healthy.

**All:** We ask your animation in the life and ministry of our pastor *N*, and the Deacon(s) *N, N*, who serve our larger faith community.

**All:** We recognize you in and thank you for our family,

**Leader:** both near and far.

**Leader:** You teach us the value of community and mutuality

**All:** in our friends and neighbors.

**All:** May we learn to understand and respond to the signs of the times and live in the light of faith, **Leader:** being devoted in serving the Gospel.

**All:** Open our eyes to the needs of all.

**Leader:** By their grief and sharing pain **All:** may we help heal division and strife.

**Leader:** By sharing their joy and hope, **All:** may we bring the good news of salvation.

**All:** We remember the people who have died in this pandemic.

**Leader:** May they be in your Peace

**Leader:** For what else do we pray:

*Conclude with the Our Father.*

**Leader:** Peace be with you all!

**All:** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

*(You may end by singing a song together.)*