

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Always Looking Out for Us

God our Father,
you have called us from creation to be
with you,
you have promised us life everlasting
and eternal joy in the Kingdom of Heaven.
You have given us your Son to lead us
to you,
and have prepared a dwelling place for us
if we but follow him.

May we know your truth,
which will draw us closer to you;
May we live your life of love and joy
by serving others and responding
to their needs;
May we go where you lead us,
trusting in your ways and in the sure and
certain hope
of life everlasting at the heavenly dwelling
place you have prepared for us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Father Dwells in Me



Today's Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12. The Apostles are confused today as Jesus tells them that he will go to prepare a place for them. Thomas questions, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" When Jesus says that he is the way, the truth, and the life, Philip tells Jesus to show them the Father. We can understand why the Apostles felt uneasy, for we often want exact directions. Just as the Apostles were unsure of going by their instincts to follow God, we sometimes are unsure of the path that Jesus has shown us. Jesus is preparing the Apostles for when he will leave them. He lets them know the path to the Father is

simple: *I am the way, the truth, and the life.* Only by what we already know of you, Jesus, can we find the Father.

If we know Jesus, then we know the Father. The first lesson of the Trinity is that God is one God. Knowing God is knowing the Father, the Son, and the Spirit as one. No one understands the Father except through understanding Jesus, the Son, the Christ. The way to the Father is through the Son. The truth of God is knowing those truths we have heard and lived and enacted with Jesus in the Gospel. Life in God is the fullness of life through creation, Baptism, and resurrection. If we are to know God, we must be willing to follow him, trust in him, and do the same good works that reveal him.