

EASTER TO TRINITY SUNDAY



Revised Common Lectionary /Scripture Citations for Year C - All Seasons

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Welcome to the last leg of the Liturgy journey for year C: Easter to Transfiguration Sunday. Our hope is that individuals as well as group/class members will make use of this devotional material as it not only reflects the Sunday sermons but ensures that we take our learnings deeper. We do this with scripture readings, daily devotions, reflections on scripture and questions. May you hear His truths, ensure it is transformative and experience God's love for you personally.

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Week 1: Sunday 20 April - The empty tomb.

Week 2: Sunday 27 April – Jesus appears to his disciples.

Week 3: Sunday 4 May – Jesus and the miraculous catch of fish.

Week 4: Sunday 11 May – Further conflict over Jesus's claims.

Week 5: Sunday 18 May – Jesus predicts Peter's denial.

Week 6: Sunday 25 May – The healing at the pool.

29 May – Ascension Day

Week 7: Sunday 1 June – Jesus prays for all believers.

Week 8: Sunday 8 June – Jesus the way to the Father.

Week 9: Sunday 15 June – Trinity Sunday.



Week 8: Sunday 8 June

Jesus the way to the Father

PENTECOST

Bring God into the meeting with prayer, lighting a candle, listening to a worship song.

You are my hiding place – Selah: https://youtu.be/9sZQm_vZGOw?si=olQqKDxflI5LvWS

Read the Bible readings provided:

Liturgical Date: Day of Pentecost

Calendar Date: Jun 08, 2025

First reading: * Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Second reading: Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21

Gospel: John 14:8-17, (25-27)

John 14:8-17 New International Version – UK

Jesus the way to the Father

⁸ Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.' ⁹ Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or

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at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ 'If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever – ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be ^[a] in you.

John 14:25-27 - New International Version - UK

²⁵ 'All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

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A reflection on the Bible reading by: Xhanti Mhlubulwana

In John 14, Jesus speaks intimately to His disciples about His identity and His oneness with the Father. When Philip asks to see the Father, Jesus gently reminds him that to see Him is to see the Father. This is a powerful affirmation that Jesus is not merely a teacher or prophet, but the full and living expression of God's heart. In the Wesleyan tradition, such a revelation draws us into deeper communion and transformation. Jesus is not only our Redeemer but our roadmap, our model, and our destination. Class meetings and Small Groups are meant to nurture this personal and communal journey of walking in His way.

Jesus promises the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, who will dwell within believers and guide them in truth. This presence is not distant or occasional but constant and internal. The Wesleyan class meeting offers a sacred space to grow in this Spirit-filled relationship. As members share their walk, struggles, and victories, they help one another become more attuned to the Spirit's teaching and peace. Jesus' peace is different from the world's. It's a peace grounded in trust, obedience, and assurance of God's presence even in uncertainty.

In a world full of spiritual confusion and fragmented truth, Jesus boldly declares, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." This is not just a doctrinal claim but an invitation to a new way of living, abiding in Him. As class /group members, we are called to help each other walk this way: to deepen our knowledge of Christ, to listen to the Spirit, and to bear witness through holy living. The way to the Father is not a path we discover by ourselves but one we walk together in grace, truth, and mutual accountability.

Questions for group discussion:

1. What does it mean for Jesus to be "the Way" in your daily spiritual journey?
2. How does understanding Jesus as the full revelation of the Father challenge or deepen your faith?
3. In what ways can our class/group meeting better reflect the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit?
4. How can we support one another in embracing the peace that Jesus gives, especially in times of fear or anxiety?

Personal Deeper Reflective Questions

1. Where in your life are you still searching for your own way rather than walking in Christ's way?
2. How is the Holy Spirit speaking or working in you during this season?
3. What is one area where you need to receive or share the peace of Christ more intentionally?

Daily lectionary readings:

Monday, June 09, 2025: Psalm 48; Joel 2:18-29; 1 Corinthians 2:1-11;
Tuesday, June 10, 2025: Psalm 48; Ezekiel 11:14-25; 1 Corinthians 2:12-16;
Wednesday, June 11, 2025: Psalm 48; Numbers 24:1-14; Luke 1:26-38;
Thursday, June 12, 2025: Psalm 8; Proverbs 3:13-18; Ephesians 1:17-19;
Friday, June 13, 2025: Psalm 8; Proverbs 3:19-26; Ephesians 4:1-6;
Saturday, June 14, 2025: Psalm 8; Proverbs 4:1-9; Luke 2:41-52;



Family Time:

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Week 8

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Title: *Jesus Shows Us the Father*

Scripture: John 14:8–17, 25–27

Theme: Jesus is the way to the Father, and He gives us His Spirit and peace.

Opening Thought

Have you ever asked, “What is God like?” That’s what Philip was wondering. He wanted to see God with his own eyes. But Jesus told him something amazing—if you’ve seen Jesus, you’ve seen the Father. Jesus shows us who God is!

Bible Reading: John 14:8–17, 25–27

Read slowly and clearly. You can act out Philip asking his question, and Jesus answering with love and confidence.

Devotion

Philip wanted a clear sign: “Show us the Father!” Jesus gently answered, “If you’ve seen Me, you’ve seen the Father.” Everything Jesus says, everything He does—His love, His kindness, His power—shows us what God is like.

Jesus also made a promise: He would send the Holy Spirit, the Helper, to be with us forever. Even though Jesus would soon leave the disciples, they would never be alone. And we aren’t either! The Holy Spirit helps us understand God’s truth, feel God’s peace, and live in God’s love.

Jesus also said, “My peace I give you... Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” What a gift! When we follow Jesus, we know the way to the Father. And we receive His Spirit and peace to guide us every day.

Big Idea

Jesus shows us what God is like. He is the way to the Father and gives us His Spirit and peace.

Discussion Time

For Younger Children:

1. What did Philip ask Jesus?
2. What does Jesus tell us about God?

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3. What special gift did Jesus' promise?

For Older Children/Teens:

1. Why do you think Philip wanted to "see the Father"? Have you ever felt like that?
2. Jesus said, "I am in the Father and the Father is in Me." What does that teach us about who Jesus is?
3. What does the Holy Spirit do in our lives?
4. Jesus said He gives us His peace. What's the difference between His peace and the peace the world gives?

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for showing us what God is like. Thank You for being the way to the Father. Help us to trust Your words, to welcome the Holy Spirit in our hearts, and to rest in Your peace even when life is hard. Amen.

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Family Activity

Path to the Father Game:

Make a simple path with paper or tape on the floor. Each step can have a word or picture (like "Love," "Truth," "Peace," "Kindness," "Prayer"). As you walk the path together, talk about how each one helps us follow Jesus—the way to the Father. Finish at a heart or cross symbol to remind you that God loves you deeply.