

Scripture Prayer For The Week

"Once...

when Jesus...

was praying alone..." Luke 9:18



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Easter Yr A Week 5

We Gather: In the prayer space, have the bible opened at the Gospel reading. The stand or table is draped with white with the Easter Candle placed. A Laptop placed on the prayer table, showing "Google Maps"-

Leader: Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just (light the Easter candle)
All: for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Leader: For the word of the Lord is faithful
All: and all God's works to be trusted.

We Listen: The Gospel. John 14:1-7

Read the gospel passage reflectively. After a time of silent reflection, the line from scripture below could be repeated and the short commentary read.

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life." John 14: 6

Commentary: These so very famous lines can lose some of their punch because of their familiarity. In addition, one little "and" is often missed (*and* the truth) so that the phrase is rushed and loses its measured power. Say it slowly: the way, and the truth, and the life—three parts of the Jesus "I am." It all builds up to a total picture of who Jesus is and what is his nature as WORD of God. It is through and in Jesus that we discern the way to God, know the truth of God and come to dwell within the life of God. That was the task of the Incarnation, Death and Resurrection. Jesus was not sent to experience a bloody, humiliating sacrifice, to appease a God who was concerned for payback, nor to fill in some gaps between Creator and creation. Jesus the Word is an explosion of revelation, a perpetual movement of communication to humanity in a final clarification of Love.

In silence, reflect on the questions below. You may wish to have a time of brief sharing. Keep the card near your workspace this week.

- What lines on the map of my life have been drawn by Jesus?
- Is it my truth or the truth of Jesus that inspires me?
- What sort of "life" do I yearn for?

Song: Fully Alive (James Maher-Chevalier) or Love Has Come (M Maher-Spirit & Song)

We Go Forth:

God who leads us to life. May we search your word for guidance to the pathway of truth and wholeness. May our hard work towards integrity of discipleship enable us to be people of justice and right. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: The Lord loves justice and right.... Alleluia! Alleluia!
All: The earth is filled with God's love... Alleluia! Alleluia!