

Sunday, May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prayer for the Morning

Christ is the Truth: come, let us adore, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia

Hymn **Meter: LM**

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love,
Who all that is from naught did make
All for his blessed glory's sake.
The first thing which I do relate,
It is that our God did man create;
The next thing which to you I'll tell—
Mankind was made with God to dwell.
But we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise soon did run
That he'd redeem us by his Son.
He here did live and here did preach,
And many thousands he did teach.
He died for us on Calvary's cross,
And rose for to redeem our loss.
Thus he in love to us behaved,
To show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way,
Be pleased to hear what he did say.

Psalm **40:6, 10-12, 17-18**

You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. *(Jn 8:32)*
Evil distorts and deceives. Through his Incarnation, Death, and Resurrection, Christ restores the truth in which God created the human race. In his truth is our freedom.

How many, O Lord my God,
are the wonders and designs
that you have worked for us;
you have no equal.
Should I proclaim and speak of them,
they are more than I can tell!
Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.
I have not hidden your justice in my heart
but declared your faithful help.
I have not hidden your love and your truth
from the great assembly.

O Lord, you will not withhold
your compassion from me.
Your merciful love and your truth
will always guard me.
O let there be rejoicing and gladness
for all who seek you.
Let them ever say: "The Lord is great,"
who love your saving help.
As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God **John 1:14, 16-17**

The Word became flesh/ and made his dwelling
among us,/ and we saw his glory,/ the glory as of
the Father's only Son,/ full of grace and truth.
From his fullness we have all received, grace in
place of grace, because while the law was given
through Moses, grace and truth came through
Jesus Christ.

Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that
his works may be clearly seen as done in God.
(Jn 3:21)

Canticle of Zechariah

*When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you
to all truth.* *(Jn 16:13)*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has
come to his people and set them free. He has
raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house
of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old that
he would save us from our enemies, from the
hands of all who hate us. He promised to show
mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy
covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free
to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in
his sight all the days of our life. You, my child,
shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for
you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to
give his people knowledge of salvation by the
forgiveness of their sins. In the tender
compassion of our God the dawn from on high
shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell
in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide
our feet into the way of peace.

Intercessions

Let us pray in spirit and in truth:

R/ Consecrate us in the truth.

We are made in your image and likeness: restore in us what has been defaced and distorted. **R/**

We are your adopted children: let us live as members of your household. **R/**

We are your heirs: let us learn to live in your ways. **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

God of all truth, you sent your Son to lead us out of the darkness of error and sin into the light of your reign in which all is pure, all is holy, all is true. Form us in the truth of Christ, that we may live for ever in your presence, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Reading 1 **Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7**

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

Reading 2 **1Peter 2:4-9**

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever

believes in it shall not be put to shame. Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: The stone that the builders rejected/ has become the cornerstone, and A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall. They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny. You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel **John 14:1-12**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, 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, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? 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 speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

Men of St. Joseph Prayer

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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