

HOMILIES AND THOUGHTS FROM THE HERMITAGE

CORONA 23

THE LAST SUPPER

From the middle of this week the Gospel Readings until Pentecost are from St. John's Gospel and after a passage on Wednesday as 'Jesus the Light of the world' the readings move to the Last Supper. There is a continuum from the end of Chapter 13 until the end of Chapter 17.. The three Sundays are likewise from the Last Supper. This Sunday tells Jesus that He tells us that He is 'the way the truth and the life'. The following Sunday we hear that Jesus will send the Spirit of truth and that He will not leave us orphans and will come back to us. On the Seventh Sunday we read part of Jesus's magnificent prayer for Unity in Chapter 17.

.....

FIFTH SUNDAY: THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE

This passage is often used for funerals: Jesus starts by telling the disciples 'Do not be troubled' He will go to His Father's house wherein are many mansions and that He will prepare a place for you, and will come to take us to be with Him. In a request to Thomas saying that they did not know the way: Jesus tells them 'I am the way, the truth and the life.' Read the passage slowly and reflect on the following: Jesus tells us not to be troubled (He Himself will be very troubled). He warns them that He will leave them—but He will not abandon them, but will enable place in the Kingdom to be there for them with Him and the Father. He is the Way—and that is the Way of the Cross: He is the Truth—there is no other way to the Kingdom: He is the Life—and He achieves Life for us through the Cross

.....

THE LAST DISCOURSE

This a short summary of the main points of the Last Supper, and the passage each will give a clear summary of the Kingdom, which was proclaimed on the Sermon on the Mount. A New Commandment! The commandment of love!

The Way, the Truth, the Life.

The promise of the Holy Spirit—who will be with us as the Spirit of Truth

The Spirit will give Jesus' peace—true peace very different from that of the world

Jesus uses the image of the vine 'I am the vine: you are the branches.'

These branches will live and bear fruit because of Jesus

New Commandment: 'Love one another as I have loved you'

I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.

If the world hates you, it hates Me before it hated you.

I am going to Him Who sent Me. I shall send the Helper to you

The Spirit will guide you into all truth.

Your sorrow will turn into joy. You will receive and your joy may be full.

I am leaving the world and going to the Father.

Chapter 17: This give us the wonderful prayer of Jesus to His Father: there is true and total unity and Jesus prays that we have similarly have true and total unity with God and among us