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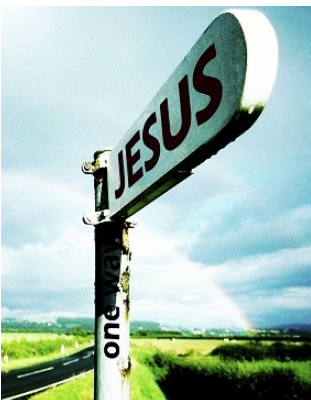
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Ja som cesta, pravda a život, hovorí Pán; nik nepríde k Otcovi, iba cezo mňa.

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

5. Veľkonočná Nedeľa.

5th Sunday of Easter.

Tvoje milosrdenstvo, Pane, nech je nad nami, ako dúfame v teba.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

„Nech sa vám srdce nevzrušuje!“ Pán Ježiš nás vyzýva k odvahe. V staršom preklade bolo priamo povedané „nech sa vám srdce nestraňuje“. Teda ide tu o akési vzrušenie srdca zo strachu. Základný zážitok väčšiny ľudí žijúcich na tomto svete je strach. U neveriacich je to existenčný strach z možného chaosu. U veriacich niekedy ešte väčší strach z Boha. Niečo iné je bázeň božia, ktorá je čnosťou a definujeme ju ako strach z toho, aby sme Boha nestratili, teda je to skôr strach o Boha. A niečo iné je neveriaci strach z Boha, ktorý je hriechom. Bojíme sa Boha. Chýba im základná dôvera v Stvoriteľa. Je to dôsledok prvotného hriechu. Namiesto viery a lásky sa objavuje strach. Pán Ježiš nás vyzýva, aby sme sa zbavili strachu. Strach je na opačnej strane ako viera a láska. Dokonalá láska vyháňa strach.

Pán Ježiš sa nás pýta: „Veríte v Boha?“ Naozaj veríme v Boha a čo všetko vyplýva z viery v Boha? Predovšetkým je to viera v rozumný a vedomý základ všetkých vecí. Na počiatku sveta nestojí hmotný chaos ale Vrcholne Rozumné a Osobné alebo dokonca môžeme povedať Nadosobné Vedomie. Ježiš nás vyzýva, aby sme verili aj v neho. Dôverujeme Ježišovi tak, ako dôverujeme Bohu. Verme Ježišovi Božskou vierou. On vie čo hovorí, lebo On jediný zostúpil z nebies a vie ako to tam vyzerá. Celé prostredie, do ktorého sme narodili svojim telesným zrodením, učí viere a vyžaduje vieru. Viera je základný predpoklad života. Viera vedie k otvorenosti a otvorenosť umožňuje prijímať. Bez akejsi prvotnej dôvery by sa nemluvna neodvážilo ani nadýchnuť. Veď už prvý nádych je prejavom veriaceho postoja. Vyžaduje otvorenosť a prijatie. Dieťa sa odvážilo nadýchnuť a nebolo sklamané. Odvážilo sa v prvom

nádychu otvoriť svoju bytosť a prijať vzduch. Odvážilo sa piť materské mlieko a nebolo sklamané. Tieto veriace postoje sú zabudované priamo do našich pudových reakcií. Boli sme stvorený pre Dobro. Boh je Dobro, Najvyššie Dobro, Samé Dobro, Jediný Dobrý. Človek toto Dobro podvedome očakáva. Zlo nás vždy vyvádza z miery. Viera a strach sú dve skutočnosti, ktoré sa navzájom vylučujú. Veriť v Boha a Bohu, vylučuje strach. Sv. Ján apoštol tvrdí, že dokonalá láska vyháňa strach. Viera je počiatkom ale cieľom je láska. A dokonalá láska vyháňa strach.

Ak správnym svedomím, čistým srdcom a dobrou vôľou už teraz spoznáваме v Ježišovi svojho Pána a Boha, budeme poznať aj Boha Otca. Iným spôsobom sa nedá dôjsť k Otcovi, ako skrze vnútornú podobnosť s Ježišom. Ak sme už v tomto živote zakúsili čosi z dôvernosti s Ním, lebo poznať v hebrejčine vyjadruje nielen rozumové poznanie, ale aj intímne vzťahy, budeme poznať aj Otca. Kto v tomto živote miluje Krista, nemá sa čoho báť.

By the end of the Last Supper, the disciples have figured out that Jesus won't be with them much longer. The sudden departure of Judas, the announcement that Peter will deny him soon, Jesus' words talking about his coming fate – have left them all upset and shaken. What will become of them?

Jesus feels their sadness and their confusion. His heart is touched. Forgetting himself and what awaits him, Jesus tries to encourage them: *«Don't let your hearts be troubled; you trust in God, trust also in me»*. Later, as the conversation continues, Jesus makes this confession: *«I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me»*.

They should never forget it.

«I am the way» The problem for many isn't that they go about on the wrong path. They simply don't have a path, they're lost in a kind of labyrinth, walking back and forth the thousands of alluring paths suggested by the buzz words and fads of the moment. And what can a man or woman do when they find themselves without a path? From whom can they ask directions? Where can they go? If they follow in Jesus' footsteps, they can go forward facing problems and difficulties, but they are on a sure path that leads them to the Father. This is Jesus' promise.

«I am the truth» This seems a scandalous claim to modern ears. And yet even today we need to listen to Jesus. Not everything can be reduced to reason. Scientific theory doesn't encompass all truth. Jesus presents himself as the path that leads us close to that ultimate Mystery. God doesn't impose Self. God doesn't force anyone by proofs or evidence. The ultimate Mystery is silence and respectful attraction. Jesus is the way that can open us up to God's Goodness.

«I am the life» Jesus really can transform our lives. Not as the far-off teacher who has left humanity with a legacy of admirable wisdom, but as a living being who from his own depths sows a seed of new life in us.

This action of Jesus in us almost always gets produced in a discrete and quiet way. The believer him/her self only feels an imperceptible presence. Sometimes, however, certainty overtakes us, an overflowing joy, a complete confidence: God exists, God loves us, everything is possible, even eternal life. We will never understand Christian faith if we don't welcome Jesus as the way, the truth and the life.

Bulletin Announcements

***May 14th - 5th Sunday of Easter** "Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul except sin. God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry." - St. Francis de Sales

***Reclaim your dream and get married in the Church** Would you like to get your marriage blessed so you can receive the sacraments? We can help you. On September 16, 2017, Archbishop Miller, CSB, will celebrate the blessing of marriages at St. Clare's Parish, Coquitlam for a large number of civilly married couples. Be a part of it. To learn more, check out our upcoming information session on May 17 at 6:30 p.m., at St. Francis de Sales, Burnaby, or May 31 at 6:30 p.m, at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Surrey. For more info, please contact Deacon Greg at 604-771-2975 or Jimmy at 778-378-5389.

***Dialogue with Lutherans** Join the conversation on May 18 and 25, as we discuss, study, and pray "Together in Christ." This resource was jointly released by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC). Sessions encourage the faithful to reflect prayerfully on the past 500 years, offering thanksgiving to God for the progress made in efforts toward reconciliation. Event is free, no registration required. *May 18*, from 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Mount Zion Lutheran Church, New Westminster and *May 25*, from 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m., at St. Peter's Catholic Church, New Westminster. Save the Date: Common Prayer service on Oct 1.

***Journey 101** Join us for Journey 101, an introductory six-session discipleship program to help individuals understand the issues they will have to walk through in their journey. Journey 101 involves times of teaching, stories and confidential small groups, where leaders help participants identify their issues and look at some of the realities of the healing journey. This program is available to anyone interested in beginning a process of healing. May 18 to June 22, from 7-9 p.m. at Living Waters Church, 9095 Glover Rd, Fort Langley. Cost: \$70. Apply by contacting Scott Neufeld Journey Canada at fraservalley@journeycanada.org Journey Canada is a non-denominational community-based, Christ-centred discipleship ministry. The Archdiocese of Vancouver supports the work of Journey 101.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$ 1,066
Work of Vocation	\$324

Thank You. Vďďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

ADORATION

There will be no adoration on Thursday

PRAYER MINISTRY in our church will be the following date:

June 4, 2017 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm
June 18, 2017 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm.

Sun 14 9:00am	5th Sunday of Easter; Acts 6:1-7; 1Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12	+ John Pardek	Margaret Pardek
Sun 14 11:00am	5. Vel'konočná Nedel'a; Sk 6:1-7; 1Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12	+ Edward Oravec ne-dožitých 80 rokov	Manželka s rodinou
Mon 15 8:00am	Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26	+ Fr. Stan Frytek	Javier Family
Tue 16	Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a	NO MASS	
Wed 17	Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8	NO MASS	
Thu 18	St. John I; Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11	NO MASS	
Fri 19	Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17	NO MASS	
Sat 20 9:00am	St. Bernardine of Siena; Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21	+ Zuzana Sušienková	Mrs. Vilma Oravec
Sun 21 9:00am	6th Sunday of Easter; Acts 8:5-8,14-17; 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21	+ Andrew a Karolina Surinak	Margaret Pardek
Sun 21 11:00am	6. Vel'konočná Nedel'a; Sk 8:5-8,14-17; 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21	Za prvoprijimajuće deti a ich rodiny	Fr. Juraj