

## **Scripture Readings for Sunday, May 24, 2020**

### **Introduction to the Gospel: John 17:1-11**

We continue reading from the gospel of John, chapter 17, verses 1-11. Jesus prays for his disciples. He prays for them always, but in this phase of their journey together, Jesus is trying to prepare them for the time when he will not be them in person. Not unlike the days we live in we are not altogether with each other in person. Jesus also prays for himself. He prays that the disciples will be united with each other just as God and Jesus are connected. He prays for protection for the disciples; for their power and for hope. Listen to Jesus' words to the disciples and to us:

### **Reading of the Gospel: John 17:1-11 (NRSV)**

#### **Jesus Prays for His Disciples**

17 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, <sup>3</sup> to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.