



## Journey Jottings...



### WORDS FROM ST. JULIE

Ah! How many times the bishop of Ghent said to me: "Mere Julie, it is your vocation to go anywhere in the world; you are not made to stay in only one diocese." That was without my saying a single word of what was in my heart. How good the good God is! --St. Nicholas, April 26, 1809.

### WHERE ARE WE ON THE JOURNEY

The Easter Season: after the somberness of Lent we would expect it to be all joyous Alleluias. God doesn't work like that. The theme of joy is evident, and is ONE of the themes present in the totality of the Paschal Mystery. The joy of resurrection happens only after the experience of suffering and death. We see the early Christian Community immersed in the reality of joy amid suffering as they struggle to open themselves to the grace of a new way of being the People of God. We're challenged to open ourselves to the same grace: how are we journeying together as the Christian Community? Where is our experience of joy and new life in the midst of trial and suffering? How do we experience the resurrected Christ present and journeying with us? Ask for the grace to experience the richness of this holy season as you take time with the readings of the Sunday liturgies.

[Ps 16](#)                      [1PT1:17-21](#)                      [LK 24:13-35](#)                      [PS 23](#)                      [1PT2:20-25](#)  
[JN 10:1-10](#)                      [Acts 6:1-7](#)                      [1PT2:4-9](#)                      [JN 14:1-12](#)                      [Acts 8:5-8, 14-17](#)  
[Ps 66:1-7](#)                      [1PT 3:15-18](#)                      [JN 14:15-21](#)

### WHERE AM I ON THE JOURNEY?

Read the passages again. In prayer, reflect on the following questions:

- [Ps 16](#)                      I re-read PS 16. I believe God does show me the path of life. When I open my eyes—what path do I see before me? How is God asking me to walk this path? How does it lead to Life?
- [1PT1:17-21](#)                      I take time to reflect on 1PT1:17-21. Gold and silver is compared to the gift of Christ's suffering and death. How are the values in the reading reflected in my life? Are they reflected in my life? Are my faith and hope centered in God?
- [LK 24:13-35](#)                      In LK 24:13-35, the disciples on the road to Emmaus experience their hearts burning and recognize Jesus in the sharing of scripture and the breaking of bread. They are energized to go out to others. What are my Emmaus experiences? How have they/do they move me to reach out to others?
- [PS 23](#)                      I pray PS 23. What phrases am I drawn to? I let them sink deeply into my heart, and I give thanks.
- [1PT2:20-25](#)                      When have I suffered because of doing right? What was that experience like? How was God with me in the experience?
- [JN 10:1-10](#)                      I pray JN 10:1-10. How do I recognize Jesus' voice? How do I follow?
- [Acts 6:1-7](#)                      In Acts 6:1-7, gifts are called forth to serve the community. Which of my gifts have been called forth? Which might God, through the community, be calling me to use now?
- [JN 14:1-12](#)                      I take time to pray JN 14:1-12. How is Jesus my way? My truth? My life?
- [Acts 8:5-8, 14-17](#)  
[Ps 66:1-7](#)                      "There was great joy in that city." "Shout joyfully...let us rejoice." Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 and Ps 66:1-7 focus on the joy that is born into our world when God's Word is spoken and God's work is done. How do I experience "great joy" resulting from individuals speaking God's word and doing God's work? How do I, can I birth "great joy" through my words and actions?
- [1PT 3:15-18](#)                      1PT 3:15-18 speaks of "the reason for your hope." I take time to reflect on the hope I experience in my life, and to look deeply at the source of the hope I feel. I look for the presence of God in my experience of hope.
- [JN 14:15-21](#)                      JN 14:15-21 starts with the words "If you love me..." I take time in prayer to hear Jesus speaking those words to me. How do I answer? I talk to Jesus about my answer.

### A PRAYER FOR THE SEASON

On Easter Sunday, Jesus, you revealed yourself to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They did not recognize you, but their hearts were burning within them as they heard you explain the scriptures that were fulfilled in you. Jesus, as the risen Lord, you continue to speak to us through the Scriptures and through the community of faith. Help us listen to you as you reveal yourself to us. And may our hearts also burn within us as we go forth to proclaim your Good News. (*Prayers for Reflective Christians*, p. 184)

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