

Church at Home for Abridge

10th May 2020

John 14:1-14

Further resources for worship and reflection

The Call

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife,
Such a life as killeth death.

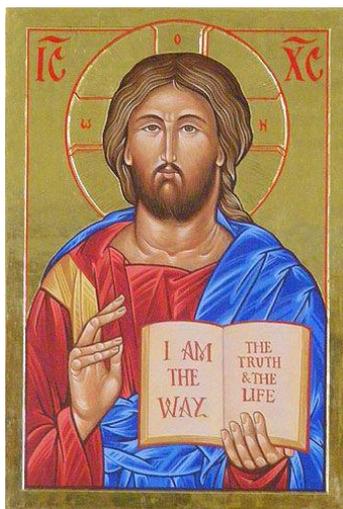
Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a light as shows a feast,
Such a feast as mends in length,
Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a joy as none can move,
Such a love as none can part,
Such a heart as joys in love.

George Herbert (1593–1633)

Reflective song based on these verses, to the guitar

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ppS-UqW57IQ>



Thank you Jesus that you are:
The way - the one who travels with us;
The truth - the one who sets our thinking straight;
The life - the one who us give power to live each day.

Reflections on the Gospel passage

All of John's Gospel is about who Jesus is. John wants us to believe in him that we might have eternal life. Hence all the different 'I am' s and the stories which reveal more about Jesus. Jesus spoke these words 'I am the way', to frightened disciples. Jesus didn't use these words in some sort of argument with the Jews to put right their wrong ideas but as a comfort for those who were wanting to believe in him. The first nickname for Christians was 'Followers of the Way'

Because He says 'I am the way' we can know who we are travelling with, and that is as important as the destination.

Because he says 'I am the truth' we can discover who he is and we really are.

Because he says 'I am the life' we can find strength and power to keep going.

Jesus has gone before us, not just to prepare a place in heaven but also to prepare resting places along the way to heaven for us. The image is of someone going ahead of the great camel caravan train in the desert to sort out the next stopover places.

Jesus is saying 'I am your travelling companion who is totally trustworthy and totally committed to you'

We are grateful to Thomas for his blunt question (*How can we know the way?*) – it led to this great 'I am' statement.

We are grateful to Philip for his sincere longing (*Show us the Father*) – it led to a greater understanding of who Jesus is.

Don't be afraid to ask big questions of God.