7th May 2023

Theme: ***That where I am, you may be also.***

**INTRODUCTION:**

Dear brothers and sisters, today we celebrate the 5th Sunday of Easter. The theme for today's liturgy is "That where I am, you may be also." During the season of Lent, we focus on the resurrected Jesus, who offers us eternal life through his death and resurrection. This theme is reflected in today's Gospel, where Jesus assures his disciples that wherever he is, they will be with him. He emphasizes that the path he walks is the path for his disciples as well. Therefore, let us pray in this Eucharistic Celebration, asking to enter into a deep and lasting union with Jesus and to follow the path he has shown us. Let us also offer a special prayer for the families who are celebrating today's liturgy\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, asking that they may become true followers of Christ and experience a deep union with Him.

**PENETENTIAL RITE**

Lord Jesus, You are the way. We were meant to walk Your path and be where You are, but we have chosen our own way and have lost our direction. ***Lord, Have Mercy.***

Jesus Christ, You are the truth. I must walk in the light of Your word, but I have allowed myself to be influenced by the deceitful ways of the world. ***Christ, Have Mercy.***

Lord Jesus, You are the source of life. Regrettably, I have focused more on worldly materialistic things rather than growing in Your life. ***Lord, Have Mercy.***

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:**

Let our response after each prayer be:

***Lord, help us to follow Your path!***

***OR***

***Lord, Hear our prayer!***

1. May our religious leaders, through their teachings, guide the faithful by showing them the path of Jesus. *We pray to the Lord.*
2. May our political leaders uphold the truth and guide us towards the kingdom of truth that Jesus brought. *We pray to the Lord.*
3. May the homeless, the orphans, and those who have been sacrificed due to wars, as well as all those who are suffering, receive the blessed life that Jesus has earned. *We pray to the Lord.*
4. In this season of Lent, filled with joy, we are encouraged to fix our gaze upon Jesus, who is the source of heavenly happiness. By directing our focus towards Him, that we may find solace and conquer our sufferings and sorrows. *We pray to the Lord.*
5. May the families \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ participating in today's liturgy contemplate the theme of the day and be inspired to follow the path that Jesus has shown, entering a profound and enduring union with Him. *We pray to the Lord.*