

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters



“Philip said to him, ‘Master, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’” (John 14:8)

No one has seen God. In the Scriptures, Moses perhaps came the closest, but he only saw the back of God at the foot of Mt. Horeb in the Book of Exodus: ‘Then the Lord spoke to you from the midst of the fire, you heard the sound of words, but you saw no form - only a voice.’ (Ex 4:12)

Philip asks to see God the Father, and Jesus reprimands him - if you have seen me, you have seen the Father.

How can we see God? Well, the Sermon on the Mount gives us a key: ‘Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God’ (Mt 5:8)

St. John will also say that he writes to us about what he has seen: ‘We proclaim to the one who, existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes, and touched him with our own hands. He is the Lord of life. (1 John 1:1)

We see God if we are pure of heart, meaning that there is no idolatry in us, that our heart is not divided. We see God if we see Jesus, who is present to us every day: in truth, patience, courage in tribulation, fortitude, zeal, and humility.

There is a presence of Jesus with us today, our eyes can either be closed - blind, unable to see him, or they can be open. Where do we find ourselves today?

Happy Easter.

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