**FRIDAY MAY 13 – FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER [C]**

**Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?**

**Why is believing in God not enough, but it is also needed to believe in Christ Jesus? And also: why is believing in Christ Jesus not enough, but also in each of his disciple who announces Christ and testifies for Him? This double faith is necessary for it is Jesus who speaks in the name of the Father and it is the Christian who speaks in the name of Christ The Lord. If the Apostles do not believe in Christ, they neither believe that He is most perfect instrument, rather most holy sacrament, through whom the Father manifests his will of salvation. Whoever does not believe in Christ does not believe that Christ is Word of the Father for the salvation of the entire world. Therefore, whoever does not believe in the Christian does not believe that he is Word of Jesus to call to conversion and to the faith in the Gospel every man living on earth. Here is an example of wondrous cooperation between God and Moses. Moses is Word of God over the creation. In an entirely special way, he is Word of God addressed to the Red Sea. He orders the Sea to be parted and the Sea is parted. He orders it to flow back and the Sea is flown back. Parting it, he allows the salvation. Flowing it back, he annuls and nullifies the arrogant power of the Pharaoh.**

**Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. And you, lift up your staff and, with hand outstretched over the sea, split the sea in two, that the Israelites may pass through it on dry land. But I will make the Egyptians so obstinate that they will go in after them. Then I will receive glory through Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots and charioteers. The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I receive glory through Pharaoh and his chariots and charioteers." The angel of God, who had been leading Israel's camp, now moved and went around behind them. The column of cloud also, leaving the front, took up its place behind them, so that it came between the camp of the Egyptians and that of Israel. But the cloud now became dark, and thus the night passed without the rival camps coming any closer together all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD swept the sea with a strong east wind throughout the night and so turned it into dry land. When the water was thus divided, the Israelites marched into the midst of the sea on dry land, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left. The Egyptians followed in pursuit; all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and charioteers went after them right into the midst of the sea. In the night watch just before dawn the LORD cast through the column of the fiery cloud upon the Egyptian force a glance that threw it into a panic; and he so clogged their chariot wheels that they could hardly drive. With that the Egyptians sounded the retreat before Israel, because the LORD was fighting for them against the Egyptians. Then the LORD told Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may flow back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and their charioteers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea flowed back to its normal depth. The Egyptians were fleeing head on toward the sea, when the LORD hurled them into its midst. As the water flowed back, it covered the chariots and the charioteers of Pharaoh's whole army which had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not a single one of them escaped. But the Israelites had marched on dry land through the midst of the sea, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel on that day from the power of the Egyptians. When Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the seashore and beheld the great power that the LORD had shown against the Egyptians, they feared the LORD and believed in him and in his servant Moses.” (Ex 14, 14-31)**

**Jesus, too, asks for the faith in Him. He asks for it since He is the Word of the Father. What He says is accomplished today and for the eternal centuries. The faith in God is of no use if one has no faith in Christ Jesus, for today the Father speaks through he means of Christ Jesus and today Christ Jesus reveals to us the whole truth of the Father. If the Apostles do not believe in Christ Jesus, they do not believe in the Father. Of the Father, do they have a Word of yesterday. They lack the Word of today. The Word of salvation is that of today, as well as the Word of true salvation is of today, true redemption, true justification, true eternal life. Without the Word of Christ Jesus the Word of yesterday lacks the accomplishment and without accomplishment there is no hope. That of yesterday without the Word of Christ Jesus is a dead Word, a quenched Word, a Word without life.**

**Let us read the text of Jn 14,1-6**

**"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where (I) am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**

**The same truth is to be preached toward the Word of the Gospel. If the world does not believe in the Christian, the Word of Jesus is a dead, quenched Word, deprived of life. It is a Word of yesterday, but not of today; being the Christian the life of the Word, it is he who is to give every life to the Word of Christ Jesus with his life and his works. Here is why the faith in Christ and in the Christian is necessary. If the world does not believe in the Christian, it might never believe in Christ. It might never believe for the Christian is the life of Christ and of his Word. May the Mother of Christ help us to be life of Christ and of the Word.**