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YEAR B - GOOD FRIDAY

O God, make speed to save me. O Lord, make haste to help me. Greetings, brethren. In our Gospel, Christ tells Pilate, "For this I have come into the world, that I might testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice." Pilate's response to this: "What is truth?"

Pilate's response is an indication of the dire need the world was in when Christ appeared with his final revelations. While many of the wisdom traditions which preceded Christ's coming allowed a select few access to the Spirit of God, Christ brought the Truth for everyone. He truly "opened a new and living way for us through the veil."

A veil is a layer of concealment between two things or places. We are told in our second reading that Christ opened a way through his flesh, not in the literal sense as he walked his body through, but through his life, death, and resurrection he opened the way for us to follow.

In life, Christ showed us how to live a purer, more spiritual way. He demonstrated the Sacraments, spoke of the Divine Spirit of God, and urged us to live a new commandment of Love. In death, he showed us the impermanence of our physical bodies, the level of commitment needed for a just and true cause, as well as the pure and unfailing love that God the Father holds for all His children. Finally, in his resurrection, Christ showed the triumph of the Living Spirit over death. He rose and proved that the pure Love of the Father was the truth he spoke of.

Despite the Light that Christ brought into the world, many today find themselves mired in darkness. Trapped by our physical sensations and concerned with personal worries, many echo Pilate's lament, "What is truth?" It is our responsibility to follow Christ's example: we must faithfully perform the Sacraments, and love one another as he loved us.