



*Reflection on the Scriptures of the Day*  
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We continue to live in unsettlingly, disturbing and challenging times. Even as we are encouraged to open up, to engage in our ordinary lives again, there is an underlying fear that it is not safe.

The information we receive from those in authority to encourage us is always changing. And that is understandable because we are dealing with a totally new phenomenon. Every day we are learning something new about the virus. They are doing their best. They want us to be healthy and thriving, to be safe and secure. They are trying to gain our trust. We are understandably hesitant, doubtful.

In the midst of it all we hear Jesus in today's Gospel reassuring his followers and us that there is one we can trust, and trust always, that is, the Father who "loves us".

In chapter 16 of John's Gospel, we hear Jesus' farewell to his followers. He offers them hope and encouragement as he and they face an unbelievable time of anxiety, fear, pain, suffering and the death of Jesus.

In Thursday's Gospel, Jesus tells them, "you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy."

In yesterday's Gospel, Jesus compares what they are presently experiencing, their anguish as that of a woman in labor, giving birth. "So you also are now in anguish...but your hearts will rejoice."

In today's Gospel, Jesus assures of his love for us and the Father's love for us.

Today, in the midst of it all, we are assured of their love, we can trust in their love for us. They wish us to be at peace. They wish us to experience the joy of their love for us. They wish that our "joy may to be complete."

In tomorrow's Gospel, Jesus assures us that we can trust him, "I am with you always, until the end of the age."

"Jesus, I trust you."