

Bouquet Caboodle



Highland Lectionary Series

May 3, 2026

The Way

Proverbs 4:10-18; Psalm 119:9-32; 1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Today's Big Idea

The metaphor of Jesus as the WAY is rich and multi-faceted and gives us courage and peace for the journey.

***Red indicates Lectionary texts**

The Trope of the Journey

The Odyssey: Homer

Canterbury Tales: Chaucer

Pilgrim's Progress: Bunyan

The Lord of the Rings: Tolkien

Appreciate life in time: perseverance, unknown, progress, wrong turns, destination

The Way in Today's Lectionary Texts

The way of wisdom, the paths uprightness: **Proverbs 4:11**

The way of God's decrees, commandments, precepts, ordinances: **Psalm 119:10,14,17, 32**

The stumbling block in the way: **1 Peter 2:22**

Jesus as the Way: **John 14:6**

Jesus as the Epic Way

The map, the direction to go: *Follow Me*: **Matthew 4:19; Matthew 7:24-27; Matthew 19:21;**

The road itself: *No one can come to the Father but through/by/on Me*: **John 14:6**

The vehicle in which to travel: *Abide in Me*: **John 15:1-7; Ephesians 2:6**

The fuel for the journey: *Christ in you, the hope of glory*: **Colossians 1:27; John 15:5; 2 Corinthians 12:9**

The guard rails on the dangerous curves: *The Lord is my Helper*: **John 10:28-30; Hebrews 13:6**

The rescuing hand: **Matthew 14:30-31; Luke 15:4-7**

The companion for the journey: *I am with you always*: **Matthew 28:20; John 15:15; Hebrews 13:5**

The destination: *The marriage of the Lamb has come*: **Revelation 19:7**

"Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

– Adapted from St. Patrick's Breastplate

The Key Excerpts for This Week's Thematic Thread

Proverbs 4:10-18	Psalm 119:9-32	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
<p>Hear, my child, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. 11 I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. 12 When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble. 13 Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. 14 Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evildoers. 15 Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. 16 For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. 18 But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.</p>	<p>How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word. 10 With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. 11 I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. 12 Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. 13 With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth. 14 I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. 18 Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. 24 Your decrees are my delight; they are my counselors. 27 Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works. 28 My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word. 29 Put false ways far from me, and graciously teach me your law. 30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your ordinances before me. 31 I cling to your decrees, O Lord; let me not be put to shame. 32 I run the way of your commandments, for you enlarge my understanding.</p>	<p>2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and 5 like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." 7 This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," 8 and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.</p>	<p>14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." 8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. 12</p>

Next Week's Readings: What thread do you discern?

May 10, 2026 - 6th Sunday of Eastertide: Ezekiel 34:1-7; Psalm 115; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21