

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I have just found some translations of the same sentence we have just heard from Jesus: „*Your heart must not be troubled*” / „*Let not your heart be troubled*” / “*Don’t be troubled.*” /

*Jesus said, „Do not let anything trouble your heart.”*

Just to taste this beautiful sentence from different perspectives. Jesus really feels this trouble in his disciples’ hearts, he understands it and very gently he touches their hearts from the inside to smooth their troubles.

We have just heard the powerful words: „*Let not your heart be troubled*” What might have been the real trouble in the disciples’ hearts? It is true, Jesus had mentioned before more and more often and clearly that the political leaders intended to find him and kill him. So no wonder if the disciples worried about their master, and even for themselves. What would happen to them without Jesus?

*Do not be troubled in your heart.*

My parents have lived for 65 years in marriage. They raised up three of us: my sister and my brother have big families, I have been priest for 25 years now. I got ordained here in the Cathedral of Szeged.

My daddy died two years ago. Then, my mum come to live next to me, here in my parish at Újszeged. This meant safety for her, to be with her son and surrounded with a loving community of the believers. She also became a worthy member of our community: always joined my weekly bible courses in the parish, visited the Holy masses. Everybody have known her as the mother of the parish-priest, and saw her gentle smile, and warm heart as well.

Three weeks ago she got stroke and got paralyzed. Most of you, who is training to become medical doctors, you can easily imagine, after a stroke what can happen to an old woman of age 90, who is 37 kilograms. After one week in the clinics I was told the plain truth: there are few weeks or days before her end. That is why I asked for permission from her doctor to take her home from the clinics, to support her in her last moments of life. So she spent 10 days with us before passing away (it happened this Monday). Her death was peaceful. It was a period of grace for all of us around her, preparing for the final great meeting with the Lord.

I have just realised the meaning of our ancient catholic prayer in which we ask the Lord for the “grace of gentle death”. And she got it. She gave her spirit back to God with a deep reconciliation on her face and probably in her heart, too.

Jesus said, *„Do not let anything trouble your heart.”*– this sentence echoes in me nowadays.

Jesus also continues: *„In my Father’s house are many rooms. I am going to make a place ready for you.”*

According to Jesus promise to my mother, to me, to your parents and grandparents, to all the people you love, and also for innocent victims of wars all around us, have a place offered by the Lord Creator of us.

The only thing we have to do, to get our heavenly place, is to believe in Him and his Good News. He is the way to the heavenly Father. He does not only show the way, like religious leaders or the prophets: He, Jesus himself is the way!

I like the way how Philip’s inquire, he is eager to know more details about the truth: *“Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us.”* and Jesus answers through him to all of us: *“Whoever has seen me, has seen the heavenly Father”*. In other words, *“whoever listen to me, understand the will of God”*.

*“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”* What does it mean: Jesus is the Truth? According to my faith and the faith of the Church, in Jesus was reviled God’s truth. We human beings do not always tell the truth... but Jesus is the Truth himself, God’s truth incarnated, through him God’s love is manifested. Yes, God’s love towards humans is manifested in Jesus’ person. This is what we Christians believe in, because we have experienced this, day by day. In the Jewish and in the Islam religion people believe in the one God, but I suppose they hardly know Him well until they get to know Jesus the Christ, the Messiah, and until they confess Him as their Saviour.

And what does it mean: Jesus is the Life? He is not only the Risen One, but he has offered us, intends to share with us the Father’s eternal life. That is why *„Do not let anything trouble your heart!”*

Amen.