

Homily for the 5th Sunday of Lent – Father Soprano

Just about in the middle of St. John's Gospel, we approach the section referred to as the "Book of Signs." At this point in John's Gospel, there is frequent mention by Jesus that he anticipates his hour:

John 2:4 - the wedding feast at Cana. Jesus speaks his hour has not come.

John 4:21 – The woman from Samaria is told the hour is coming when true worship will not be in Jerusalem.

John 5:25 – The hour is coming when the dead will hear his voice.

John 7:30 – Until that hour Jesus cannot be arrested.

The hour referred to so many times has come. (John 12:27)

God is intimately connected to us.

All our evildoing God forgives and forgets.

God becomes human in Jesus who knew our suffering and who draws everyone to Himself on the Cross.

There He learned obedience thru suffering

To obey means to listen.

Christ listened to our experience from the inside out, with ears able to hear His Father's voice.

When we are with Jesus, we can listen to His voice and live as He lived and love as He loved.

Just as the Greeks who came to Phillip wanting to see Jesus, other people will see Jesus in us,
as well as the One who sent Jesus.