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Daily Reflections

JOURNEYING THROUGH EASTER

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WHO IS THE LORD, GOD OF HOSTS?

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Today's Responsorial Psalm

*2 The favors of the LORD I will sing forever;
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.*

*3 For you have said, "My kindness is established forever";
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.*

*4 I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:*

*5 Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations.*

*6 The heavens proclaim your wonders, O LORD,
And your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.*

7 Who in the skies can rank with the LORD?

*9 O LORD, God of hosts, who is like you?
Mighty are you, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.*

*12 Yours are the heavens, and yours are the earth;
The world and its fullness you have founded . . .*

15 Justice and judgement are the foundation of your throne;

Reflection

Psalm 89 is a lengthy poem describing God as Israel has experienced the Holy One. Above are only a few verses. Notice the image of God in them: kind, truthful, mighty, faithful, and the one who “founded”/made the earth. This is how people of Israel knew their God who was involved in their living and also in their dying. Which image of God have you seen or experienced today? In what way has the Holy One companioned you?

A prayer poem from around the time of the Exile, its theme focuses on the covenant between God and David. Covenant suggests another word for “partnership” reminding us that faithfulness, kindness, truthfulness, et al. are behaviors between both parties of the agreement: God and David/the people of Israel. Look back on the last week. Notice when you have lived the partnership with God through your kindness, or faithfulness, or truthfulness. Hear God giving thanks for you. What is your response?



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In Tune with God

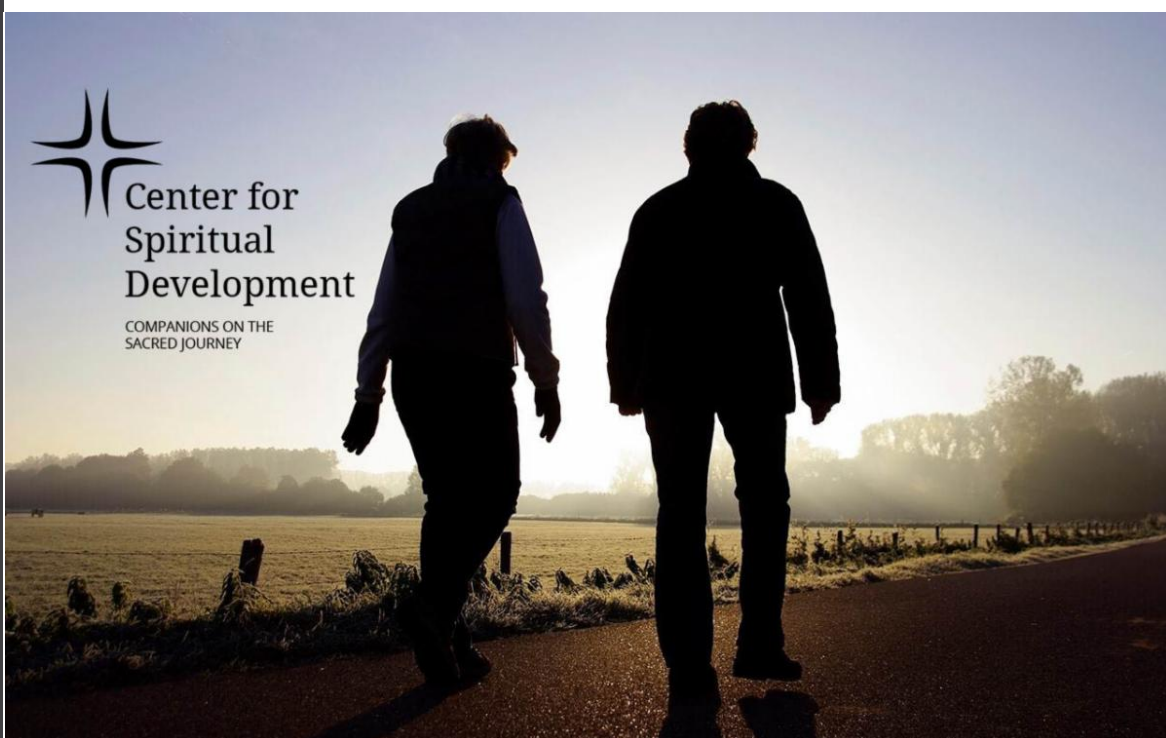
O dear God,

*be with me,
and help me
strive to come close—
to be fully committed to you.
Let every part of me
—physical, emotional and spiritual—
join
in focused determination
to fulfill your will.
May my thoughts,
my emotions,
my words,
and all my actions
be wholly in tune
with you.*

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