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Daily Reflections

Journeying through Easter



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A SONG OF THANKSGIVING

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Today's Responsorial Psalm

R. How shall I make a return to the LORD for all the good the LORD has done for me?

*How shall I make a return to the LORD
for all the good the LORD has done for me?
The cup of salvation I will take up,
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.*

R. How shall I make a return to the LORD for all the good the LORD has done for me?

*My vows to the LORD I will pay
in the presence of all the LORD's people.
The death of the devout
Costs the LORD dearly.*

(Humanly speaking, the LORD sees the passing of the servant as a loss.)

R. How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good the LORD has done for me?

*O LORD, I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have loosed my bonds.*

*To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.*

R. How shall I make a return to the LORD for all the good the LORD has done for me?

PSALM 116:12-17

Reflection

This is a song of thanksgiving, probably composed for prayer in the temple by a person freed from a near-death illness. It is a heartfelt expression of God's mercy and the public proclamation of God's intimate care for us. It is this experience of the saving LORD that enables a person to proclaim, "I am your servant . . . who brings a gift of thanks, as I call on your name . . . remembering your presence standing before the assembly in the courts of your house, within the heart of Jerusalem" (Psalm 116:16, 17, 18-19).



For Pondering

- What words stand out as you recall God's presence and energy in your life today?
 - What is your response as you consider “all the good the LORD has done” for you?
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