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Daily Reflections

JOURNEYING THROUGH EASTER

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ANGELIC & HUMAN PARTNERS WITH GOD

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Excerpt from Today's Responsorial Psalm

*God is king over the nations,
God sits on his holy throne.
The princes of the peoples are gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.
For God's are the guardians of the earth;
God is supreme.*

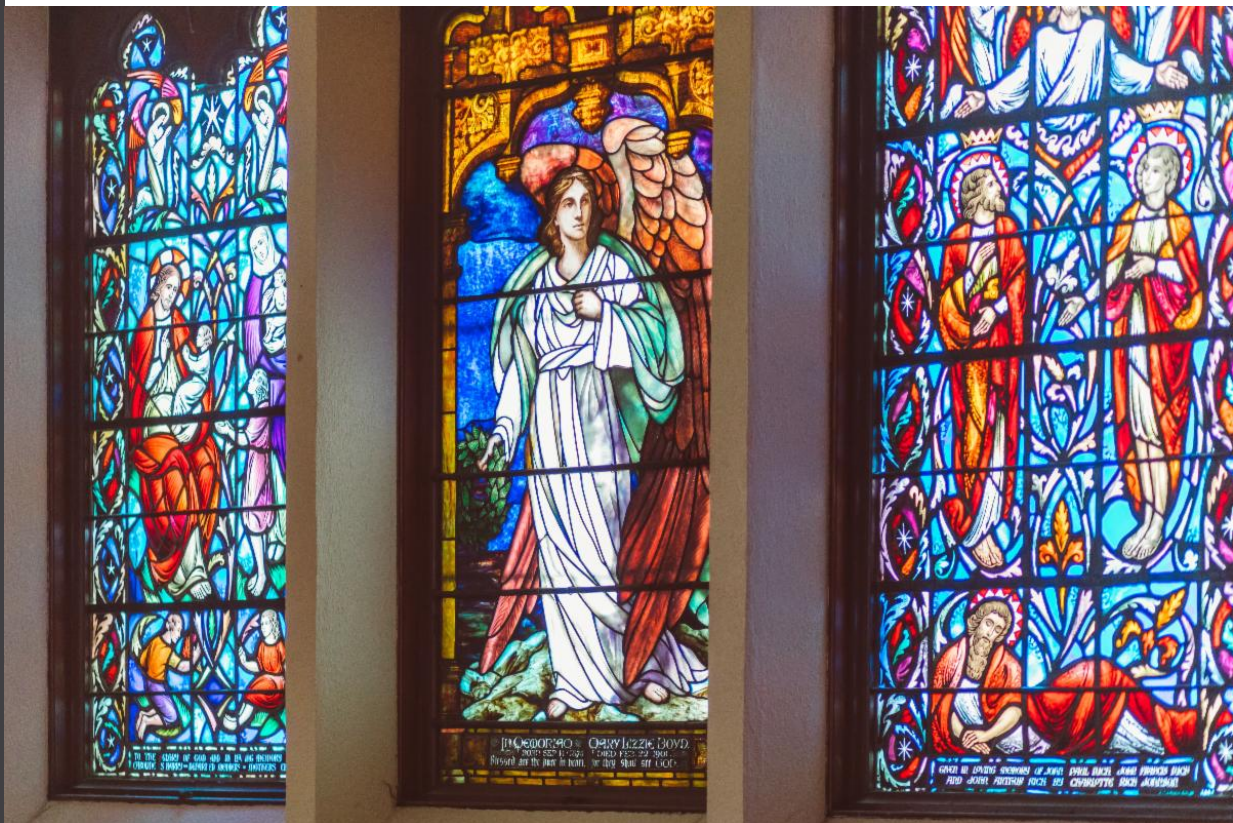
PSALM 47:8-10

Reflection

The Judeo-Christian tradition recognizes heavenly spirits who serve as

messengers of God and protectors of creation. The “princes of the people” and “the guardians of the earth” in this psalm most likely refer to these angelic spirits who watch over the earth and various nations. Over time and experience some spirits were named and acquired specific “ministries.” Again, with the presence of angelic beings we see that God’s choice of operating as “king” is not dominance over others. Rather, God continues to create and save by partnering with various creatures to nourish and sustain life.

Divine energy is also focused on gathering together. As God’s partners, angelic spirits -- along with ourselves -- participate in this gathering movement. We offer our time and energy to “bring all people [creation] to God.” It is together that our life takes on meaning.



An angel is pictured in a stained glass window
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For Pondering

- In what ways have you partnered with God this week?
- Has your partnering activity involved “gathering” or uniting people and/or the rest of creation? How might you plan this more intentionally?
- How have God’s “guardians of the earth” served you? What would you

say to them? What would you say to God?

- “Acting like God” is a way of partnering with God. So we pray to be and act like the Holy One. Imagine the angelic spirits praying this prayer with you.

For Prayer

*Loving God,
You who are full of compassion,
teach me to be like you.
Teach me to be kind and generous
and loving
to all your creation.
Please
help me develop true sensitivity
and genuine compassion
toward everything in Creation.*

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