Daily Reflections





HERE GOD LIVES AMONG US

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Today's Responsorial Psalm and Gospel

My soul is longing and yearning, yearning for the courts of the LORD.

My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God.

The sparrow herself finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her brood—

LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

They are happy, who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you, they walk with ever growing strength.

1 CORINTHIANS 84:3, 4, 5-6A (GRAIL TRANSLATION)

Jesus told his disciples a parable. "Consider the fig tree and all the other trees. When their buds burst open, you see for yourselves and know that summer is now near; in the same way, when you see these things happening, know that the Kingdom of God is near. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Reflection

As the psalmist describes pilgrims on the journey yearning for God's dwelling place, so we yearn for God's presence on our life-long pilgrimage. Our hearts ring out our joy when we realize that *here*, *God lives among us!* God dwells with us, and we are confident that God's Word will never pass away. We learn from the writer of Hebrews 4 that the Word of God is alive and active, working to sustain us and nourish us, just as the sparrow finds a home and the swallow builds a nest for her young. The presence of God is within us and all around us, holding us in a loving embrace. How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD, our God!



Four brown birds

For Prayer

Loving, caring God,
all the happiness and fulfillment in my life come only from You.
Knowing how absolute is my dependence on You,
I find peace of mind.
Your presence suffuses my life,

caressing me with hope, joy and love.

I've tasted Your love,

I've known your compassion,

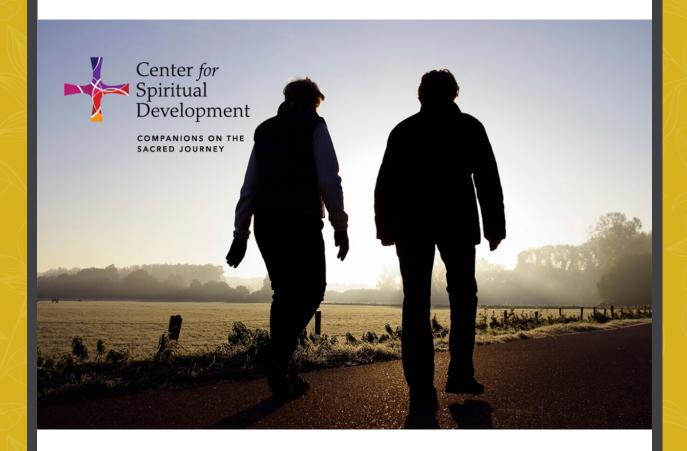
I've experienced your patience,

and I am filled with gratefulness.

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