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Daily Reflections

Journeying through Easter



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A PLACE FOR YOU

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An Excerpt from Today's Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not,

would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back again and take you to myself,

so that where I am you also may be.”

JOHN 14:1-3

Reflection

As we journey deeper into life through the truth of the Resurrection, we are

reminded of God's desire to be known deep within our hearts, our lives. Jesus promises to prepare a place for us with him and in God. The temptation is to think that the fulfillment of the promise only comes at the end of our time on earth, when we say "Goodbye, world," and are drawn into God. This is the mystery of having overcome death for life eternal. My faith and experience of Jesus tells me this is true. My seeking to live in God with age, wisdom, and grace these many years has revealed to me that the promise is already being fulfilled within my soul, day by day. *"In him we live, move, and have our being."* (Acts 17:28)

The realization of the Divine indwelling fills me with delight, energy, and encouragement to live life fully -- knowing God within me while discovering God in all of creation. What a grace! "The many dwelling places" are also found now in the realization that God dwells in me and you from the beginning of life. As we journey deeper into God throughout this life, we share in the preparation of the final dwelling place. The abiding presence of the Divine within each of us guides us to make room and engage the soul life within us. ***"It is a great undertaking to see and know inwardly that God, who is our Creator, dwells in our soul, and it's a far greater understanding to see and know inwardly that our soul, which is created, dwells in God."*** (Julian of Norwich, *Showings*)

And this is only the beginning of God working in you and me every day. God is at home in us, and this makes our faith a vibrant source to sustain and move us to engage God every moment of life. Divine indwelling provides greater life and strength to greet each day with hope, meet the challenges of each day with purpose, and give thanks each night for all that has been of God. Praise be to God who is at work in me beyond my understanding. Welcome home, Loving and gracious God of my life and my eternity.



Our Lady of the Fields Church - Paris, France
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For Pondering

Ask yourself:

- How do I experience the abiding presence of God within me?
 - Where do I discover God in the people and world around me?
 - In which ways do I give thanks and praise to God each day?
 - For what is God asking me to shift, change, make room at this time in my journey to God?
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For Prayer

*I rejoice, give thanks, and am eternally grateful that you,
Gracious and Loving God, choose to make your home in me.
Help me recognize you and live my life in and through your abiding presence.
May your Divine Presence inspire me to live YOU in my everyday
circumstances of life.
Teach me your ways that your life radiates through me and in all my
relationships.
All praise, honor, and glory be to You, God of Life.
I am yours, now and always.
Amen.*

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