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HEEDING GOD'S VOICE

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Excerpts from Today's Readings

Moses said to the people:

*“If only you would heed the voice of the LORD, your God,
and keep his commandments and statutes....”*

DEUTERONOMY 30:10

*Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.*

COLOSSIANS 1:15

*There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said,
“Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?”
He said in reply,
“You shall love the Lord, your God,*

*with all your heart, with all your being,
with all your strength, and with all your mind,
and your neighbor as yourself.”
He replied to him,
“You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.”*

LUKE 10:25-28

Reflection

The readings for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on the ways of God, which are about mercy, compassion, single-hearted response to life as it presents itself to us each day. Fidelity lived within relationship with God and neighbor reflects God’s desire for us. As people of God, we are to consistently apply the ways of God to every relationship. To do so requires that we intentionally listen to God’s Word, ponder its meaning for a God-centered life, and love God and neighbor without distinction. This seems to me the manner of “heeding God’s voice.”

What follows is a French Pantoum created from the readings for today. Ponder its message for your life today. What does it mean for you to “heed God’s voice?”

The Desire of God

Heed the voice of God!
With all your soul seek God.
May your heart revive in seeking God.
Christ is the image of the invisible God.

With all your soul seek God.
Christ is before all, holding things together.
Christ is the image of the invisible God.
Your words, Lord, are Spirit and Life.

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May your heart revive in seeking God.
Your Words, Lord, are Spirit and Life.
Heed the voice of God!

May your heart revive in seeking God.
What must I do to inherit eternal life?
Heed the voice of God!

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart.

What must I do?

Be moved with compassion.

Heed the voice of God!

The neighbor is the one who treats the other with mercy.



Child Praying
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For Pondering

Ask yourself:

- Which phrase attracts me?
 - Which do I find myself resisting? Why?
 - How do I heed God's voice in day-to-day living?
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For Prayer

Read the Pantoum aloud. Allow the words to wash through you.

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