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Daily Reflections

Journeying through Easter



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BECAUSE YOU WERE CHOSEN

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An Excerpt from Today's First Reading

*Then they prayed,
"You, Lord, who know the hearts of all,
show which one of these two you have chosen
to take the place in this apostolic ministry
from which Judas turned away to go to his own place."
Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias,
and he was counted with the Eleven Apostles.*

ACTS 1:22-26

Reflection

As we journey through this Easter Season, we are urged to put on the mantle of faith in the Risen Christ. Matthias was chosen to replace Judas. We too are chosen as God's beloved.

We are to walk in love and live as those chosen by God -- and reflect God's compassionate presence in the world as did the apostles. We journey toward Pentecost and call upon the Holy Spirit to inspire and sustain us in our mission. Love makes all things possible, yet love is not easy; love is challenging. We need the guiding strength of the Holy Spirit to faithfully live the way of Love. The ego is essential to our personality and is also in need of constant assessment and transformation. Here is where my will and the ways of God sometimes clash. I need to step back and reflect again.

The song that rings in my soul today as I write is "*Because You Are Chosen*" by John Michael Talbot. I invite you to reflect on the words to this song, for they image well the call we have been given as people of God. Let the words stir up the love of God for you, and yours for God and all of creation. May they inspire your witness to God's great love in the world. The song is our reflection and prayer today.



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For Pondering and for Prayer

Because You Are Chosen

*Because you are chosen
Called to be holy
Because you are the Lord's beloved
You must clothe yourself with kindness
With heartfelt mercy
In the meekness of humility
So, bearing now with one another
And forgive as the Lord's forgiven you
Over all these virtues
Bind them all together
In the Love of our Lord Jesus
(repeat x 2)*

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