



Resources & Reflections

Week of September 6th

STRONGER Stronger Together

WE WILL PERSEVERE.

“We have entered the endurance phase of this pandemic. We are slowly mastering this disease, but we have not yet done so. And so we wait — and endure.

“Endurance is patience. It is shortening your time horizon so you just have to get through this day. Endurance is living with unpleasantness. In fact, it is finding you can adapt and turn the strangest circumstance into routine.

“Endurance is fortifying. It is discovering you can get socked in the nose and take it.”

David Brooks
NY Times, 5/15/2020

Community is like a large mosaic. Each little piece seems so insignificant. One piece is bright red, another cold blue or dull green, another warm purple, another sharp yellow, another shining gold. Some look precious, others look ordinary. Some look gaudy, others delicate. As individual stones, we can do little with them except compare them and judge their beauty and value.

“When, however, all these little stones are brought together in one big mosaic portraying the face of Christ, who would ever question the importance of any one of them? If one of them, even the least spectacular one, is missing, the face is incomplete. Together in the one mosaic, each little stone is indispensable and makes its own unique contribution to the glory of God.

“That's community, a fellowship of people who gather to make God visible in the world.”

Henri Nouwen



If the voice of a child can reach You,
 O my Father,
 Listen to the prayer of Jesus,
 on his knees before You!
 If You have chosen me to teach your laws on earth,
 I will know how to serve You,
 noble King of kings, O Light!
 On my lips, Lord, place the salutary truth,
 In order that he who doubt
 should with humility revere You!
 Do not abandon me,
 give me the necessary gentleness,
 To ease suffering,
 to relieve sorrow, the misery!
 Reveal Yourself to me,
 Lord in whom I believe and hope.

Stéphan Bordèse, 1847-1919;
 tr. David K. Smythe

A MORNING PRAYER

Another day begins, Lord,
 another journey - dawn to dusk -
 in the voyage of discovery we call "life".
 As I set out, I pause to ask your blessing,
 your guidance along the way,
 your welcome when I reach my destination.
 And when I reach the journey's end,
 grant me safe lodging,
 loved ones to greet me,
 and a place to rest and be with you again.

- J. Barrie Shepherd

A WEEK OF SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday - 14th Sun. after Pentecost September 6th

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 149
 An Epistle Reading: Romans 13:8-14
 The Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Monday - August 31

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 5
 The Gospel Reading: Mark 15:40-47

Tuesday - September 1

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 42
 The Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8

Wednesday - September 2

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 89:1-18
 The Epistle Reading: Philippians 1:1-30

Thursday - September 3

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 97
 The Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:1-30

Friday - September 4

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 51
 The Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:1-21

Saturday - September 5

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 104
 The Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:1-23

Sunday - 15th Sun. after Pentecost September 13th

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 114
 An Epistle Reading: Romans 14:1-12
 The Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35



*If the mail is slow,
 We provide you with a
 Sunday start on the new week.*