

Morning Prayer -- 3

Discerning the Way: Encountering the Spirit

*The Spirit is always hovering over the waters of chaos, bringing forth life.
It is the wind that brings change into life and turns it upside down and inside out.
This is what the disciple always has to deal with: the Spirit is in the storm.*

Dare to be Disciple (8)

PSALM 40

Gratitude and Prayer for Help



I waited, waited for the LORD; who bent down and heard my cry,
Drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp,
Set my feet upon rock, steadied my steps,
And put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God.
Many shall look on in awe and they shall trust in the LORD.

Happy those whose trust is the LORD, who turn not to idolatry
Or to those who stray after falsehood.
How numerous, O LORD, my God, you have made your wondrous deeds!
And in your plans for us there is none to equal you.
Should I wish to declare or tell them, too many are they to recount.

Sacrifice and offering you do not want; but ears open to obedience you gave me.
Holocausts and sin-offerings you do not require; so I said, "Here I am;
Your commands for me are written in the scroll.
To do your will is my delight; my God, your law is in my heart!"

I announced your deed to a great assembly;
I did not restrain my lips; you, LORD, are my witness.
Your deed I did not hide within my heart;
Your loyal deliverance I have proclaimed.
I made no secret of your enduring kindness to a great assembly.

LORD, do not withhold your compassion from me;
May your enduring kindness ever preserve me.
For all about me are evils beyond count; my sins so overcome me I cannot see.
They are more than the hairs of my head; my courage fails me.*

LORD, graciously rescue me! Come quickly to help me, LORD!
Put to shame and confound all who seek to take my life.
Turn back in disgrace those who desire my ruin.*
Let those who say “Aha!” know dismay and shame.
But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.
May those who long for your help always say, “The LORD be glorified.”
Though I am afflicted and poor, the Lord keeps me in mind.
You are my help and deliverer; my God, do not delay!

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another mighty deeds; to another prophecy; to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

Reflection

Prayers of Petition

Our Father

Live, Jesus, In Our Hearts ...Forever