



Resources & Reflections Week of August 30th

FROM AUGUSTINE

O Loving God,
To turn away from you is to fall,
To turn toward you is to rise,
To stand and remain in you is to abide forever.
Grant us, dear God,
in all our duties your help;
in all our uncertainties your guidance;
in all our dangers your protection;
in all our sorrows your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God was inside me. But I was outside myself.
And that is how we missed each other.

You have made us for yourself, O God,
and our hearts are restless
until they find their rest in you.
Augustine of Hippo (354 - 430 AD)



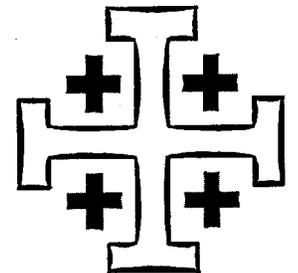
A HYMN OF PROMISE

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the one who waits.
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall your name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
For the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me.
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

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For the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.



A WEEK OF SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday - 13th Sunday after Pentecost August 30th

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45
An Epistle Reading: Romans 12:9-21
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

Monday - August 31

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 57
The Gospel Reading: Mark 13:14-27

Tuesday - September 1

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 54
The Gospel Reading: Mark 13:28-37

Wednesday - September 2

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 65
The Gospel Reading: Mark 14:1-11

Thursday - September 3

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 147
The Gospel Reading: Mark 14:12-26

Friday - September 4

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 88
The Gospel Reading: Mark 14:27-42

Saturday - September 5

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 122
The Gospel Reading: Mark 14:43-52

Sunday - 14th Sunday after Pentecost September 6th

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 149
An Epistle Reading: Romans 14:1-12
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20



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

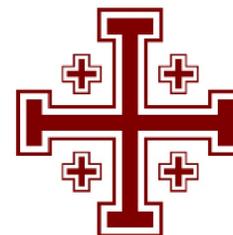
TAKING THE LONG VIEW

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks with
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
with compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

During World War II, a church in Strasbourg was totally destroyed. Nothing remained except a heap of rubble and broken glass. But as the congregation began clearing away the junk, they found a statue of Christ standing erect. It was unharmed but for one thing, both hands were missing.

One day in the rebuilding process, a sculptor saw the Christ figure and offered to carve new hands. The church officials considered the sculptor's friendly gesture. They decided not to accept the offer. The members of that church said: "Our broken statue touches spirits; this Christ with no hands to minister to the needy, feed the hungry or enrich the poor — no hands except our hands. He inspires. We perform."



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