

DAY 3 - April 5 - WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Focus: Equipped for God's mission

Scripture: Romans 15:5-8,13-14

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. I am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge, and competent to instruct one another.

[Alternate Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a]

*“Trusting in the Lord who is his help,
Jesus speaks of his betrayal which is at hand.”*

Reflection:

Our world is often looking for a reason to hope. The power of the Spirit offers hope to those whose needs are great. We are all searching for a reason to hope. The life of a Christian is based on faith, hope, and love. It is these that push us forward to serve the world with love. During this Lent, we find Jesus full of concern for his followers. We want to follow Jesus but it takes more than words. We must be willing to be transformed by the love that he shares with us. We must invite the Spirit to give us hope and a reason to face another day. Our lives are in the hands of God and He will never leave us or forsake us. It is the Spirit of hope that brings meaning and a sense of purpose to the poor, oppressed, sick, and weary. While serving others, we find that we are transformed.

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Song of the Day: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" by Mary Mary

Meditation Questions:

- ◆ Do we acknowledge that God has equipped us for his mission? Do we recognize our own goodness as a gift from God?
- ◆ What are some of the reasons for our belief in God? Have some of these reasons changed over time?

Optional Liturgical Activities for Today:

- ◆ Attend Mass at your local church or on your campus or at a church near your work or school (check their website for times)
- ◆ Participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 1:30pm
- ◆ Participate in Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 6:00pm
- ◆ Vespers / Evening Prayer (as part of the Retreat) via Zoom at 7:30pm (EST). (Zoom meeting details sent to registered participants).

We invite you to join us for the following during this week's Retreat:

- ⇒ Recitation of the Rosary, with singing and special prayers, will take place on the Prayer Line (720-820-1469) on Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 12:15pm (EST).
- ⇒ Feel free to join the Prayer Line for Morning Prayer (720-820-1469) on Thursday at 7:30am (EST) - "Hosting the Holy - Part 2" with Br. Sean Moffett, CFC.
- ⇒ Vespers / Evening Prayer, via Zoom, with reflections by Fr. Gregory Chisholm, S.J. will be held on Wednesday, April 5th at 7:30pm (EST). (Zoom meeting details sent to registered participants).