

## Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent 2020

Wisdom clearly depicts the Godless as those who always want to put others down, are envious of those who do good and want to harm the innocent. Their lives are notable for the absence of joy, of honour, of dignity. They are friendless always looking over their shoulder in case someone has it in for them – lives full of fear. It is not that wisdom disdains them; they refuse to have anything to do with wisdom because it will only highlight their failings and expose their misery. Invited as we are to be friends of God, it is a friendship we value all the more in these days. We are gifted with wisdom which shows, even inspires, us to reach out to those in need. Like our guardian angels, wisdom always looks out for us. Wisdom allows us to look beyond the ordinary and experience the presence of God that is present in everyone we encounter. It is one of those great paradoxes of God that those we serve open us to the presence and the power of God. In fact, in God's world nothing is ordinary. There is always an element of mystery - Godly presence – within everything. It is ironic that in these days of semi-lockdown we have the opportunity to set ourselves free from rushing past things and spending time reflecting on the wonder and beauty of everything and everybody around us. As usual, Jesus has a way of turning everything on its head. We needed to be locked down in order to be set free!!

I will not die an unlived life.  
I will not live in fear of falling or catching fire.  
I choose to inhabit my days,  
to allow my living to open me,  
to make me less afraid,  
more accessible,  
to loosen my heart  
until it becomes a wing, a torch, a promise.  
I choose to risk my significance;  
to live so that which came to me as seed  
goes to the next as blossom  
and that which came to me as blossom,  
goes on as fruit.           *(Dawna Markova)*

And: Don't forget to pray today. God didn't forget to wake you up this morning!!