

Reflection Wednesday Lent 3 – 2021

Moses said to the people *“take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you.”* The aim of the Law was to enable people to have life in its fullness which means creating a society that is harmonious, respectful and honourable. A society free from injustice or exploitation in which all are welcome, that promotes true happiness and joy. And this is what Jesus implied when he said that: *“not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved.”* It would appear that we have a long, long way to go before the end of the world.

Macrina Wiederkehr believed the Lenten season was a time to stand on tiptoe eagerly awaiting and yearning for the Easter Christ to come. She calls our hearts *kingdom-hearts*, hearts that yearn for God as echoed in Psalm (41/42) *“My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life;”* and in St Augustine, *our hearts are restless until they rest in you, my God.* Knowing that our lives yearn for the fulfilment of the Law, for the fullness of Life found only in the kingdom of God here on earth and in the life to come, Macrina Wiederkehr kindly offers us this prayer:

A Prayer for Standing on Tiptoe.

On tiptoe we stand, Lord Jesus
eagerly awaiting your full revelation
always expecting you to come some more.

Our hands and hearts are open to your grace.
Our lives still waiting for the fullness of your presence.
We are those who have been promised a Kingdom,
and we can never forget.
Yet, we have a foot in both worlds,
and so we stumble.

But, still we stand on tiptoe.
Owning our kingdom-loving hearts
and our earth-eyes,
we lean forward and hope.