

Reflection Saturday Week 25 – 2021

Zechariah speaks of a people for whom God lies at their centre, something we all want - God at the centre of our lives. Zechariah also said that the city will have no walls. Because of God's presence, the city – which for us is the Church - will not need to be defended and having no walls means that everyone without exception is welcome to come in. Zechariah believes in this vision. The gospel suggests that Jesus did not want his apostles to teach a triumphalist Church and emphasises that he will die the least dignified death possible. And yet, Jesus was truly victorious overcoming death and winning everlasting life for us all. The life he won for us is to be shared, and, only in the sharing will we discover the real significance and truth of the life Jesus shares with us – especially in the eucharist. Life is in continual movement, a continual flow; once it stops so does life. Unless we share the life Jesus gives us with others there is no room for new life to enter and renew us.

Because we have impeded, blocked and destroyed the movement on life on our planet we are facing a climate crisis. Lack of food and petrol, rises in utility costs and the cost of living is but the beginning of the hardships we will continually face in the future. We have a choice to let it all happen to us or be positive and work to heal the world and restore the flow of life within it and therefore within us.

May God who established the dance of creation,
who marvelled at the lilies of the field,
who transforms chaos into order,
lead us to transform our lives and the Church,
and to reflect God's glory in creation.