

Reflection Tuesday Week 26 - 2021

Wouldn't we be proud if someone grabbed us by the arm and said, "*We want to join you because you walk with God?*" To be recognised as walking with God is an encouraging way of understanding our mission in life. Jesus gave our mission many names: *Take up my cross and follow me! Become a labourer in the harvest. Go and preach the Good News! Sow the seed!*

Being a follower of Christ is not about what you know or understand or how good a preacher you are but about '**who you are**'. We are children of God and, if God permeates our lives, people will recognise that presence by who we are with their hearts, with their consciences rather than with their minds. We are inspired by the saints because they speak of the presence of God in different ways. We call Mary '*God-Bearer*' and she works hard to help us be *God-bearers* too. Ultimately anyone who inspires us does so because they reflect God's presence in some way.

Ironically, one of the benefits of the imminent Climate disaster is the discovery that God speaks to us in so many ways through his creation. It inspires wonder, a sense of beauty and order, a reverential majesty, a dignity beyond words and an integrity that can only come from its creator, God.

*God's in the mighty roaring of the waves upon the seas;
in the gentle breezes gliding quietly through the trees.
God's in the sweetest bird refrains that greet me everyday
and in the happy voices of the little ones at play.
God's in the awful thunder as it sounds for all to hear;
in a heart that's breaking and in the silence of a tear.
To those who don't believe in God or say we cannot know,
I shake my head in wonder for God's everywhere I go!*

A little girl asked her mother how the human race began.

Mother: "*God made Adam and Eve and they had children, and so was all humankind made.*"

Two days later the girl asked her father the same question.

Father: "*Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved.*"

The confused girl returned to her mother and said, "*Mom, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Dad said they developed from monkeys?*"

Mother: "*Well, dear, that's very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his!*"