

Reflection Tuesday 4th Week Lent 2022

The power of water - absolutely necessary for life. It cleanses and refreshes. No wonder it is used for baptism. Do we think of life, of cleansing and being reborn in Christ every time we touch and taste water? Do we treat it with the deep, deep reverence it deserves? Or do we just waste water, without a second thought, ignoring the fact that people are dying all the time because they lack water?

Jesus challenges us today to stand up and do something rather than just complain about injustices, abuses and things not being right. So, stand up!

Of course, it's far easier to complain about being unjustly treated or not being understood than doing something about it. Yet, if we act, we will often find that we have completely misunderstood the situation and wrongfully accused others of wrongdoing. Stand up, says Jesus, you may discover that you are the one in the wrong!

Come, walk on the water with me!

I'm in the mood for impossible things!

*Take out your heart of courage,
a lamp amid your fears
and walk on the water with me.*

*Let's touch everything we see
and change it to hope.*

*Our hearts let's change to flesh.
No more stones of apathy for us.*

*Let's look at everything that could be,
believing it will be
if we dare to walk on water
scared and hopeful.*

*Come, walk on the water with me!
Let's wrap our fears in hope.
Across these waters we must go
our lamps of courage high
scared and hopeful we will go.*

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In his words and actions, Pope Francis teaches us that love of God and neighbour should orbit around humility, inclusion, listening, forgiveness and being present.