**Reflection Thursday 2nd Week Easter 2022**

Peter certainly tells it like it is, making it clear to the Jewish leaders what they have done to Jesus. He is ready to accept any punishment they may impose on him, even death. What is consoling and reassuring for us is what he tells us what Jesus came to do; he came to give us *‘repentance and forgiveness of sins and also the Holy Spirit whom God gives to all those who obey him.’* We are given the Spirit *without reserve* John writes.

How do we allow the Spirit of God to influence and shape our lives??

Listen to Sister Macrina Wiederkehr osb

*I am sitting with my first cup of coffee looking out into a green forest with lake waters wrapped around me.  This is the beginning of my morning prayer.  It is a lovely spot and yet I have discovered that no matter how beautiful the setting one has to wait for the Spirit to show up.  In all prayer and especially in personal prayer, waiting is an essential part of the prayer.*

*In various ways Jesus’ advice comes to me.  Remain here and wait!  Perhaps that is the invitation of every daily personal prayer.  Forget your pleading words about what God should do for you during this time of prayer.  And know that the earth, too, is holy! Remain! Stay! Wait! Wait until you can see something beyond yourself.*

*It always happens. When I am willing to simply BE in the Presence of God without a lot of words, something lifts in my poor spirit and the great Spirit visits me.  Something falls away.  Sometimes it is anxiety or maybe some envy.  Sometimes despair moves over and lets a little hope in the door. Or perhaps, to my amazement, a love I thought had dried up starts flowing again.* **BE STILL AND WAIT!**