

Reflection Thursday 2nd Week Easter 2023

In his conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus talks about being born again. Many people who first discover Christ will talk about being born again. They understand this as seeing their lives, the world in which they live, their purpose and mission as a life centred on Jesus Christ which enables them to see everything in a new way; more like the way that Christ sees us, the world in which we live, and our mission and purpose in life. Without this belief in Christ, we are unable to see the world as it is but as others or ourselves have constructed it. It would be as though we were living in the world like the Matrix: a completely false but believable reality.

Jesus the light of the world:

I see your world in light that shines behind me,
lit by a sun whose rays I cannot see,
the smallest gleam of light still seems to find me
or find the child who's hiding deep inside me.

I see your light reflected in the water,
or kindled suddenly in someone's eyes,
it shimmers through the living leaves of summer,
or spills from silver veins in leaden skies,
it gathers in the candles at our vespers,
it concentrates in tiny drops of dew.

At times it sings for joy, at times it whispers,
but all the time it calls me back to you.
I follow you upstream through this dark night
my saviour, source, and spring, my life and light.

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