

## Reflection Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Week Lent 2023

When Moses was in the desert tending Jethro's sheep, he encountered the burning bush. As he approached a voice asked him to take off his shoes because he was standing on holy ground. In the encounter Moses asked who was addressing him and the answer he received was "I AM!" So, when Jesus used those words about himself, the Jews automatically said he was blaspheming.

The journey, pilgrimage, that we make through Lent is not towards a burning bush but towards the glory, splendour and light of the Resurrection. But, it is a pilgrimage made on Holy Ground because we make this pilgrimage with God, the promise made to Abraham that God would journey with us always.

To call himself I Am! Shows that God lives always in the present and Lent is the time to see how close God journeys with us each day and each moment of each day and be reassured of God's presence. It is presence of love and forgiveness, of help and support, of wisdom and courage and also of comforting reassurance.

*For your prayer  
your journey into God,  
may you be given a small storm  
a little hurricane  
named after you, persistent enough  
to get your attention,  
violent enough  
to give you to new depths,  
strong enough  
to shake you to the roots,  
majestic enough to remind you of your origin:  
made of the earth  
yet steeped in eternity,  
frail human dust  
yet soaked with divinity. ~ Macrina Wiederkehr*