Reflection Saturday 6th Week Easter 2023

The intimacy of the relationship Jesus had with his Father is clearly evident. What may be less evident is that Jesus felt the same about his relationship with us. Whatever the Father did for him, Jesus knew the Father would also do for us, even more so, because he would be with the Father and pleading our cause. One could not ask for a better brother, a better friend than that! These are the words of the Hymn with that name:

What a friend we have in Jesus,

all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Saviour, still our refuge-take it to the Lord in prayer! Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

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