

Reflection Tuesday 5th Week Easter 2023

Shalom! Jesus offers Peace to his disciples and to us. Sometimes it is a greeting and offered as a gift Jesus wants us to have. Sometimes he offers peace as he leaves his disciples and it is offered as a sign of reassurance. Originally Shalom/Peace meant soundness of body but it came to signify perfect happiness and the liberation which the Messiah was expected to bring. This is the very wholeness which is the aim of Jesus' mission to us.

Deep peace I breathe into you,

O weariness, here: O ache, here!

Deep peace, a soft white dove to You;

Deep peace, a quiet rain to you;

Deep peace, an ebbing wave to you!

Deep peace, red wind of the east from you;

Deep peace, grey wind of the west to You;

Deep peace, dark wind of the north from you;

Deep peace, blue wind of the south to you!

Deep peace, pure red of the flame to you;

Deep peace, pure white of the moon to you;

Deep peace, pure green of the grass to you;

Deep peace, pure brown of the earth to you;

Deep peace, pure grey of the dew to you,

Deep peace, pure blue of the sky to you!

Deep peace of the running wave to you,

Deep peace of the flowing air to you,

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,

Deep peace of the sleeping stones to you!

Deep peace of the Yellow Shepherd to you,

Deep peace of the Wandering Shepherdess to you,

Deep peace of the Flock of Stars to you,

Deep peace from the Son of Peace to you,

Deep peace from the heart of Mary to you,

And from Briget of the Mantle

deep peace, deep peace!

And with the kindness too of the Haughty Father, Peace!

In the name of the Three who are One, Peace!

And by the will of the King of the Elements, Peace! Peace!

(From "The Dominion of Dreams. Under the Dark Star
by Fiona Macleod (William Sharp, 1895))