

## Reflection Thursday Week 15 – 2023

Why it's so hard to pin God down lies precisely in what God said to Moses in the desert. God is "I am who am!" God can only be experienced in the present. For those in ecstasy during an intimate moment with God will say that time has stood still – they seem to be suspended in an eternal presence. Living in the present makes it very hard to plan for the future or put a time line on anything. While worrying about the future makes it extremely difficult to place oneself in the present. What links the past to the present and the future is faith: the gift bestowed on us by God in baptism. It is this same faith that will provide the means for us to appreciate heaven when we arrive. Faith teaches us that we never journey alone, Jesus stays by our side always. It is as though Jesus becomes our eyes, for he helps us to see and welcome things that would otherwise remain hidden.

*"Holiness comes wrapped in the ordinary. There are burning bushes all around you. Every tree is full of angels. Hidden beauty is waiting in every crumb."*

*"The fast pace of our lives makes it difficult for us to find grace in the present moment, and when the simple gifts at our fingertips cease to nourish us, we have a tendency to crave the sensational."*

*"My God is not imprisoned anywhere, not in the Bible nor the tabernacle. Real Presence is everywhere, and those with the hearts of children revel in it."* — **Macrina Wiederkehr**

*Today is for the living.*

*Tomorrow still lies in waiting.*

*Give Today your very best,*

*then, even if tomorrow you are called to rest,*

*you could leave without much regret.*