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Saturday, 16th May 2020.

Good morning,

Wishing you a lovely Saturday.

The Mass readings for today are:

A reading from the **Acts of the Apostles 16:1-10**

“They travelled through Phrygia and the Galatian country, having been told **by the Holy Spirit** not to preach the word in Asia”

A reading from the **holy Gospel according to John 15:18-21**

“But it will be on my account that they will do all this, because they **do not know** the one who sent me”

From the Walk with me booklet for today:

St Paul listened to the Holy Spirit. He attuned his ear and heart to hearing the Spirit's voice. Whether the Spirit said ‘Go there,’ ‘Come here’ or ‘Avoid there,’ he responded obediently. **How do we hear the Spirit today?** We can learn how to still our minds so we can hear God's word.

We need to be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit within so that we can be sensitive to the Spirit's leading and prompting. Discerning the will of God is an important task. ‘What is the next step God wants me to take?’ In this discernment, prayer is so important. So, too, is the listening ear of a good friend or guide.

Lord, give me a disciple's ear to listen to your word, and a heart of love to obey.

From <https://www.sacredspace.ie/scripture/john-1518-21>

Jesus grieves that the world does not know his Father who sent him to bring the good news of his endless love for us all. **But whenever we pray our awareness of this love grows imperceptibly deeper.** You can notice this only by reflection over a period of time. When you do notice that you have grown at least a little in love, thank God for it.

I was looking at a book by Pope Francis last evening called Happiness in This Life — A Passionate Meditation on Material Existence and the Meaning of Life.

In the chapter named 'Beyond Tears and Loneliness there was a paragraph provided called God Joins in with our daily struggles:

God himself is the one who takes the initiative and chooses to place himself, as he did with Mary, in our houses, in our daily struggles, filled with anxieties and also with desires. And it is precisely within our cities, our schools and universities, the squares and hospitals, that the most beautiful announcement we can hear is delivered: 'Rejoice, the Lord is with you.' A joy that generates hope, that makes itself flesh in the way we look at tomorrow, in the attitude with which we look at other people. A joy that becomes solidarity, hospitality, mercy towards everyone.

With my love, thoughts and prayers,

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Daily Mass Readings Saturday of the 5th Week of Eastertide

First reading - Acts 16:1-10

'Come across to Macedonia and help us'

From Cilicia Paul went to Derbe, and then on to Lystra. Here there was a disciple called Timothy, whose mother was a Jewess who had become a believer; but his father was a Greek. The brothers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of Timothy, and Paul, who wanted to have him as a travelling companion, had him circumcised. This was on account of the Jews in the locality where everyone knew his father was a Greek.

As they visited one town after another, they passed on the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem, with instructions to respect them.

So the churches grew strong in the faith, as well as growing daily in numbers.

They travelled through Phrygia and the Galatian country, having been told by the Holy Spirit not to preach the word in Asia. When they reached the frontier of Mysia they thought to cross it into Bithynia, but as the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them, they went through Mysia and came down to Troas.

One night Paul had a vision: a Macedonian appeared and appealed to him in these words, 'Come across to Macedonia and help us.' Once he had seen this vision we lost no time in arranging a passage to Macedonia, convinced that God had called us to bring them the Good News.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 99(100):1-3, 5

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

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Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord, who hung for us upon the tree,
has risen from the tomb.

Alleluia!

Gospel - John 15:18-21

The world hated me before it hated you

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If the world hates you,
remember that it hated me before you.

If you belonged to the world,
the world would love you as its own;
but because you do not belong to the world,
because my choice withdrew you from the world,
therefore the world hates you.

Remember the words I said to you: A servant is not greater than his master.

If they persecuted me, they will persecute you too;
if they kept my word, they will keep yours as well.

But it will be on my account that they will do all this,
because they do not know the one who sent me.’

The Gospel of the Lord.