

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.



The Soul of the Penitent Thief - Tissot

One of the criminals hanging there jeered at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly for we are receiving the due punishment of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom." And Jesus answered him, "Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 23:32,39-43

A Song in Taize: sung by Sugaryradiant

*"Jesus Remember Me
When You Come Into Your Kingdom."*

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"Today you will be with Me...."

A promise to the good thief and to all who risk contemplative prayer



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Our prayer is characterized by silence ~

Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word.
God is present in all our lives.
God cares for us, and
our life experiences are a source
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence
we share from our hearts.

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To Ponder

Adult people of faith believe that the historical Jesus suffered to bring about the new Reign of God, but such suffering was endured in his life and ministry and not merely in his death. At the time, crucifixion was a death reserved for subversives; it tended to be a quick, brutal affair in which the prevailing powers sought to get rid of an empowering, subversive prophet. For reflective adults today, there is nothing salvific or holy about the brutal death of Jesus; rather they regard it as the prophetic price paid for a life radically and fully lived. The Resurrection of Jesus is viewed as a mystical-type endorsement for a life fully lived, and therefore [salvation] should be linked with the Life of Jesus and not with His death.

- Diarmuid O'Murchu *The Meaning and Practice of Faith* - p57

Human and divine cannot co-create unto the fullness of life without death as an integral part of life. Isolated, independent existence must be given up in order to enter into broader and potentially deeper levels of existence. Bonaventure speaks of life in God as a “mystical death,” a dying into love: “Let us, then, die and enter into the darkness; let us impose silence upon our cares, our desires and our imaginings. With Christ Crucified let us pass out of this world to the Father”

- Ilia Delio *Making All Things New: Catholicity, Cosmology, Consciousness*

Contemplative practice might be five or twenty minutes of “dying,” of letting go of the false self in order to experience the True Self, of letting go of the illusion of our separation from God in order to experience our inherent union. Prayer is quite simply a profound experience of our core - who we are as Paul says “hidden with Christ in God” (Col 3:3)

- Richard Rohr

Reading: anonymous 14th century

ANIMA CHRISTI THE BODY OF CHRIST

Soul of Christ sanctify me.

Body of Christ save me.

Blood of Christ inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ wash me.

Passion of Christ strengthen me.

O Good Jesus hear me.

Within Thy wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.

From the malignant enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death, call me.

And bid me come to Thee.

That with Thy saints I may praise Thee.

Forever and ever.

Amen

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