

Lord, You Have Come to the Seashore

Cesareo Gabarain Azurmendi

Lord, you have come to the seashore,
neither searching for
the rich nor the wise,
desiring only that I should follow.

O, Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
gently smiling, you have spoken my name;
all I longed for I have
found by the water,
at your side, I will seek other shores.

Lord, see my goods, my possessions;
In my boat you find no power, no wealth.
Will you accept, then,
my nets and labor?

Lord, take my hands and direct them.
Help me spend myself
In seeking the lost,
returning love for the love you gave me.

Lord, as I drift on the waters
Be the resting place
Of my restless heart,
my life's companion,
my friend and refuge.

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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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The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy outline some of the ways we are called to serve the Lord: feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, comfort the afflicted and so on. At times, we may be called to mighty deeds—ones that fix stubborn problems, right systems of injustice or even save lives. More often, though, our acts of service are unimaginably small. We are called to listen, pray, be present and attend to the needs of others. Many of these actions will go unnoticed. We may not perceive their impact. We may even wonder if they matter at all. True servanthood, however, means applying ourselves to the task before us without any tangible reward—maybe even without a sense of accomplishment. It is washing what will get dirty again and keeping company with people who will not remember us. It is performing tasks with love and humility as often as the Lord puts them before us.

READING: Joan Chittister

Contemplation is a very dangerous activity. It not only brings us face to face with God. It brings us, as well, face to face with the world, face to face with the self. And then, of course something must be done. Nothing stays the same once we have found the God within....We carry the world in our hearts: the oppression of all peoples, the suffering of our friends, the burdens of our enemies, the raping of the Earth, the hunger of the starving, the joy of every laughing child.

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