

Wednesday 21 October 2020

Today is Wednesday the 21 October, in the 29th week of Ordinary Time.

The Corydon Singers, conducted by Matthew Best, sing Cantique de Jean Racine by Fauré, a hymn to the invincible power and utter goodness of God, whose fire lights up the darkness, whose grace overcomes all evil. As I enter into prayer today, I trust myself to that grace, to that powerful goodness. I place myself in the hands of my loving God.

Today's reading is from the letter to the Ephesians.

Ephesians 3:7-12

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

What does it mean to be a "servant of the gospel"?

Reflect for a moment on "God's grace" and God's "power"? How are they different? What does each one prompt in you?

Now listen as the passage is read again: can you see what is meant by "the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things"?

To bring this time of prayer to an end, why not ask "what has been going on inside me during this session?", and turn that into a prayer in your own words?

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.