

Thursday 23 May

Today is Thursday the 23 May, in the Fifth Week of Easter.

The community of Taizé sing, Dominus Spiritus est, The Lord is the Spirit; the Spirit gives life. God is the source of all life, the one in whom we live and move and have our being.

Today's reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

This glimpse into the early Christian community shows us a group struggling to understand how to respond to what God had done for them. Perhaps most important is how it ends: The assembly kept silence and listened to all the signs and wonders God had done. I might find myself asking if this is common in the Christian communities I know, or whether an insistence on routine and customs, 'the way we do things around here?', has all but obscured any sense of God doing signs and wonders.

Peter's testimony is refreshing - his assurance that God is at work beyond what is familiar, in 'them' as well as in 'us'. This might prompt me to look afresh at my life, to wonder if God is touching me, reaching out to me, present in my life in ways I wouldn't normally expect, in people and places I wouldn't usually look.

In hearing today's reading again, listen for the encouragement in this story? that sense of trust that the Spirit will guide change and development in the Christian community and in your life?

God's power working in us can do infinitely more than we can hope or imagine. Take a few moments now to tell God about your hopes for living your life as a response to the Spirit.