

Mass of Healing

St Matthew 11:25-30 Page 235 Cor1:18-25 page 224.

“Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened”

What does Jesus mean by come to me? Those who are tired. Those who must engage in a contest of will, to struggle with pain. To summon the little energy they have to complete the simplest of tasks.

They among all are called to Christ

There is no point at which we are excused from the vocation of life.

You may not be physically capable from the manual work you were once quite enjoyed.

You may not have the health that you took for granted in your youth

But still you are not excused

Indeed ironically it is the weak that God uses to confound the strong.

That from your place

That from your state there is an infinite amount of work to be done

First of all for yourself much as you may labour and feel overburdened

Christ calls you to keep on fighting

If this means releasing independence, then to do so with dignity

If this means simply eating and maintaining the body that you have, then to do so with determination.

If this means dealing with the fear of what may be, then to do so with gentleness

Christ calls you too him

This involves elements of crucifixion

However it also involves hope and a belief in your place in the divine plan.

Secondly much as you may labour and feel overburdened

Christ calls you to keep on loving

If this means accepting unconditionally the love of your annoying family, then all to the good.

If this means reaching out to those who worry about you, and healing their fear then Christ's love runs through you

If this means teaching by example, humility, perseverance, faithfulness to goodness.

Then Christ calls you too him
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Third and perhaps most difficult, defiance of this secular world.
Christ calls you to keep on believing in truth.
If this means not allowing the doctors receptionist to patronise, then well and good
If this means exercising the brain as well as the body, then you demonstrate glory
If this means choosing when and how to act, then this demonstrates wisdom.

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We celebrate today the mass of healing
With those who may have burdens of illness
But who are we believe called by Christ to share in the mission of the church.

Who are called
Even when tired and overburdened
To share with Christ
To take up their cross
And to get things done.