

Lent Devotion for Friday, March 24

Psalm 95

LET US WORSHIP!

“O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!”

Our God is the same in all times and places. God is not some regional deity sequestered to specific people in an isolated time and place. God is eternal, set apart, and yet near. Who is this God that we might be invited to become his people? Who are we to step into his presence? We are his creation, lovingly formed by the hands that painted the stars, given breath by the breath that spoke all things into existence. When presented with the majesty of this God there is but one option, as the psalmist says: to fall to our knees in worship.

And yet there are times when we have neglected this option, times when each one of us have hardened our hearts to God and failed to elevate him to the rightful place in worship. And still, God came, lowering himself to be human. Not to subjugate, though we are his subjects. Not to bring wrath, though he is our judge. Not to leave us in our sin, but to show us mercy. Christ came to be our salvation, that we might not be left in the wilderness, but be invited into his rest, that we might be a generation that listens to his loving voice and responds with adoration and worship.

In this time of Lent, hanging between the acknowledgment of mortality on Ash Wednesday and the celebration of eternal victory on Easter, we are presented again with an option: to turn our hearts from our Creator, or to worship our Savior.

Father, Son, Holy Spirit, help me today to joyfully worship you as you deserve, as the object of my every affection. Be exalted in my life.