

Thirsting for Mercy: Journeying with Christ through Holy Week



Day of Reflection, Talk 2: From the Cross to New Life in Christ



Rembrandt, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*.
1669. 206 x 262 cm. The Hermitage, St Petersburg.

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Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. (1 Cor 13:4-7)

Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing". (Lk 23:34)

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what he did. But this man has done nothing wrong. 'Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.' (Lk 23:39-43)

On the cross thy godhead made no sign to men, |
Here thy very manhood steals from human ken: |
Both are my confession, both are my belief, |
And I pray the prayer of the dying thief
(*Godhead Here in Hiding / Adoro te devote*)

When they came to Jesus, they found he was already dead, and so instead of breaking his legs one of the soldiers pierced his side with a lance; and immediately there came out blood and water (John 19:33-34)



Basilica of San Clemente al Laterano, Rome
Apse Mosaic (1130s)