



The CENTER
for Christian Spirituality

Rhythms of Grace: Keeping Company with Jesus Through cultivating a new mind

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"This is why teachers like Jesus make so much of mercy, and forgiveness, and grace, because these are the things that, if truly experienced, totally break dualism down. Because once you experience being loved when you are unworthy, being forgiven when you did something wrong, that moves you into non-dual thinking. You move from what I call meritocracy, quid pro quo thinking, to the huge ocean of grace, where you stop counting, you stop calculating."

~Richard Rohr

Finding Ourselves in the Psalms (with sung response)

Psalm 1:1-3

*Let mystery live in you,
Be content to be in the unknown.
God is greater than all you see.
Let mystery live, let mystery live,
Let mystery live in you.*

*Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.*

*Let mystery live in you.
Let your questions come guide you along.
Love sees more than the mind can know.
Let mystery live, let mystery live,
Let mystery live in you.*

*They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.*

*Let mystery live in you.
As you wander a path you can't see.
You cannot journey outside of God.
Let mystery live, let mystery live,
Let mystery live in you.*

Listening to Jesus

Luke 13:1-5

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent -change your mind, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them – do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent – change your mind, you too will all perish."

Meditation

Song of Response

"Beyond Belief"

***In the knowing of the heart no words are needed.
As I gaze within myself, I see your face.
In the landscape of my soul you run towards me.
Although now I know in part,
With my body, mind, and heart,
I am opening up to you beyond belief.***

Listening to Jesus

Luke 13:6-9

Then Jesus told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

"'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

Meditation

Time of Reflection

"Shepherd Me, O God"

***Shepherd me, O God,
Beyond my wants,
Beyond my fears,
From death into life.***

Sitting in Silence

During these minutes of silence, simply rest in God's abiding and loving presence in this moment. Simply be here now. You are in the Love of God. Christ is your Divine Center. There is nothing you need to do. Just be and relax. Center your attention in your heart. If it helps you to center, use a sacred prayer word such as Good, Love, Abba, Jesus, or Spirit. Or follow the rhythm of your breath.

Offering Ourselves to God

Take, O take me as I am:

Summon out what I shall be:

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

"Take O Take Me As I Am"

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