

Subject: Daily Prayer 18th May 2020 with refection by Canon Simon Stephens

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A very good morning to you all

Let us be silent and still for a few moments whilst we invite the Holy Spirit to guide us.....

Lord Jesus,
you have promised to be with us for ever;
teach us to rejoice in your presence,
free us from all anxiety,
help us to know you are always at hand,
that we may work with you and to your glory,
Jesus our Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns for ever. Amen.

John 15:26-16:4

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

'I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God. And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

The Work of the Spirit

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

Monday 18 May 2020 (Rogation Day)

John 15:26-16:4

The Cost of Discipleship

"When the Counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father,
He will testify about me. And you must also testify, for you have been with me from the beginning." Vs 26.

Good Morning! The history of the Christian Church across the milleniums, is written in the blood of men and women who loved Jesus Christ more than their own lives and were obedient to his commands in the propagation of the Gospel.

John in Chapter 15 of his Gospel, continues to record with hard words, Jesus farewell

instructions to his disciples. "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first." vs 18. In every word of his discourse, the Man from Galilee underlines the true cost of discipleship to those who would call him 'Lord'! Perhaps he feared that the enthusiasm of the Apostolic company would evaporate at the first hint of persecution and suffering. It is easy to say "I do" when the Sun is shining, but when the clouds are dark and the wind is chill...it is not so easy! Today's Gospel is a challenge to each one of us here in Pollenca. We have accepted and proclaimed Jesus Christ as Lord, but have we willingly embraced the deprivations/hardships which are the cost of discipleship? Each one of us in our vocation and ministry is challenged to proclaim our devotion to Christ through our Christian witness, even though sometimes it provokes isolation and ridicule. So this morning, we pray for strength that we may not fail Christ in these challenging times.

Canon Simon Stephens

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

Blessing

Christ, the Lord of the living and the dead,
who did and rose to life eternal,
grant that we may abide in him and belong to him for ever,
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with us, and all those we love and care about,
now and always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ
AMEN