

Thoughts on the Daily Word

9th Week of Year. Thursday 4th June. Readings: 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Psalm 24; Mark 12:28-34.

The death of one black man in America sparked off a worldwide reaction. Suddenly we all feel something. A worldwide pandemic challenged us to live in a new way. So many things in our globalised world now make us aware that we are one people in world dependant on a planet that we have made fragile. Yet we still have narratives given us that we can do this ourselves and that it is all about making our nation or race great. It is amazing that we keep repeating the social and race ideology of the Nazi's that ended in horror and flames nearly 80 years ago. Even eugenics is making a comeback in 'purifying' our human race. Removing all traces of people born with special needs or vulnerabilities. In today's first reading Paul talks about being 'one' in Christ by behaving as Christ did. The Genesis story is trying to tell us that we are one. Adam simply means 'human' and that human rebellion or sin breaks that oneness apart. From day one God has sought to heal that brokenness. Jesus completed that wholeness in himself and invites us to allow him to heal our brokenness. In the Gospel Jesus tells us that the means to that healing is love. Not the wishy-washy romantic feeling but the cleaving that the Scripture understands as love. A belonging to one another, one heart and one mind. A big task but Jesus gives us the power, called 'grace' to accomplish it, through the love of the Cross.