

Thoughts on the Daily Word

3rd Week of Year. Tuesday 27th January. Readings: 2 Samuel 6:12-15, 17-19; Psalm: 23; Gospel: Mark 3:31-35.

David is creating something new in making Jerusalem his political and religious capital. By placing the Ark of the Covenant in his city he is claiming a new beginning for Israel, and almost a new covenant. In this scene he is also claiming a priestly role alongside his royal status. At that time much of these roles were fluid anyway but David is claiming a new ascendancy and almost a new nation. Much of this will not last, after Solomon the kingdom of David will break up and soon even Judah will face annihilation. The Gospel story is the beginning of the creation of a new Israel and a new Covenant in Jesus. No longer blood relationships but rather relationships based on faith. A new kind of religious community, a new Israel, built on a new Covenant with Christ.