

Thoughts on the Daily Word:

3rd Week of Year. Monday 23rd January 2023, Readings: Hebrews 9:15,24-28; Psalm 97; Mark 3:22-30.

At the heart of the Gospel is the healing of division. Satan and the diabolic is precisely the agent of division and brokenness. This lies at the root of the distanced between God and humanity. The work of Jesus is to heal that brokenness. The theological term is atonement, which means precisely what it says, to make one. Getting that work of Jesus mixed up with the diabolic is the eternal sin, nothing can heal it. Hebrews, in the light of the Temple and its liturgy of atonement, reveals just how Jesus does this. Difficult for us to comprehend sometimes, as we are so distant from a Temple liturgy ourselves. It does describe a new relationship between God and humanity, a new covenant, that sets us free from death to reveal salvation for all.