

Thoughts on the Daily Word:

3rd Week of Year. Tuesday 24th January 2023, Readings: Hebrews 10:1-10; Psalm 39; Mark 3:31-35.

I think that this is a profound moment in the Gospel story. It is the break with the concept of the physical Hebrew family as the bearers of God's presence. To be a believer in the God of Israel no longer demands becoming a Jew or a Hebrew. This does not deny the vital role of the Jewish People in the journey of faith. It does, however, radically change the nature of the 'ecclesia', those called out by God. That choice of God forming the ecclesia, or Church, consists of those who do God's will. The purpose of the Church is to form a community of those actively responding to God's Word as it is personified in Jesus. This seems to me to be a great moment of freedom, we actively choose to respond to God's grace, even though we know that even that response needs the grace of God.