

**Thoughts on the Daily Word:**

*25<sup>th</sup> Week of Year. Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Readings: Ezra 1:1-6. Psalm: 125; Luke 8:16-18.*

Today's psalm was made into a famous song in the late 70's or 80's. I remember it being sung by the children in our S.V.P. Camp on Holy Island. The community bond that was formed with those disadvantaged young children was amazing. Equally wonderful were the many helpers, cooks and supporters who made it possible. They were building community. This is what Ezra and Jesus are all about. In the midst of need and suffering something new can be borne. Out of exile and immense suffering a new Jewish people was born and out of the cross a new community of Jesus the Christ was born.