

Thoughts on the Daily Word

3rd Week of Year. Thursday 30th January. Readings of Day: Hebrews 10:19-25; Psalm: 23; Gospel: Mark 4:21-25.

Some parts of the Letter to the Hebrews can be seen as a deep reflection on the meaning of the Eucharist. The heart of these new communities was this experience of coming together on the night of the Resurrection the first day of each week. The Temple symbolised this world and the world of God. The curtain was that division between the two. This reflection unpicks that ancient mystery of the Temple and all that happened within it and transposes it onto the very humble celebration of the Eucharist by the Christian community. It is from what Vatican 11 called the 'source and summit' of the Christian life that light flows. It is the Eucharist that reveals the connection again between the kingdom of God and creation. It opens up for us the transformation possible for our humble beings, from dust to resurrection.