

Lenten Reflection

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Isaiah 42: 1 – 7 ~ Psalm 27 ~ John 12: 1 – 11

Here is my servant ~ my chosen One ~ in whom my soul delights!

As I reflect on today's Scripture readings, they mean so much more to me, since recently, I was blessed with one of the most Providential gifts of a lifetime ~ a trip to the Holy Land ~ at the beginning of the solemn season of Lent!

On this Monday of Holy Week, I invite you to take a few moments and try to capture in your mind's eye the terrain around the Sea of Galilee, the village of Bethany and the journey Jesus took to Jerusalem. Take a little pilgrimage. We've journeyed through these towns and villages these past few weeks and heard of the miracles Jesus performed. These are the very places Jesus spent the majority of his time in ministry.

Let the rich words of today's first reading from Isaiah, which are so descriptive of who Jesus was, permeate your life today and resonate in your heart and soul and mind as you ponder the life and ministry of Jesus, the Beloved ~

Endowed with God's spirit ~

Jesus faithfully brought true justice to the peoples ~

Jesus did not make his voice heard in the streets ~ Jesus went about quietly proclaiming God's message of love and compassion, healing and forgiveness, in a humble and quiet way ~

Jesus' Mission was one of restoring all that was lost ~

giving sight to the blind, freeing prisoners from captivity restoring
dignity to women, raising people from the dead ~

Imagine Jesus' gentle presence with you during your Holy Week Pilgrimage. Pause and give thanks for God's indiscriminant graciousness in your life in gifting you with Jesus, the Beloved of our Provident God. Let us use this treasured time to deepen our relationship with our Faithful and Providential God.