

12th Sunday in Ordinary time

Stepping back into ordinary time, I wonder as we hear today's words of scripture, do we think these words could have been written yesterday? They are so relevant it is almost frightening. What is it about the prophet that people don't like? The trust, of course. The psalm echoes the truth that not everyone wants good things to happen. St Paul tells us this is so, in the sin of Adam. How we need the second Adam. This amazing gift, Jesus Christ who calls us to be transparent.

Darkness becomes light.

Truth overcomes lies.

Sisters and brothers acknowledge that we are all equal.

The pull to the negative is very strong

Deep-seated racism and deep-seated fear of coronavirus has become a toxic combination. We pray for a cure for the virus and we have had some good news this week with the steroid that will help free up damaged lungs. We must also pray that we will find a cure for any deep-seated racism in our hearts. The line between goodness and evil is very thin and some of our openness can easily become a veil that hides a multitude of prejudice and sin. For me the most moving thing I saw this week was the black protester carrying the injured white nationalist protester. We pray that we may respect one another and even love one another. Please God we really will.

As we begin to unlock our churches and begin again to enjoy not only spiritual freedom but social freedom as well, let us also acknowledge that we may need an unlocking of the heart. To be a prophet is difficult and the sin of Adam is part of our human condition.

But the light of Jesus Christ can make us the people we should be: God's people, united in colour, in creed, in gender acceptance, for this is love.