

Sunday, March 7, 2010

The 3rd Sunday of Lent

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Exodus 3: 1 – 8a, 13 -15

1 Corinthians 10: 1 – 6, 10 -12

Luke 13: 1 – 9

The Old Testament reading is Exodus 3: 1 -8a, 13 -15. This is the story of Moses approaching the burning bush and encountering God. God tells Moses that God shall be referred to as: I AM and I AM WHO AM. This name suggests a slightly remote nature. In the 4th Century BCE The Greek philosopher Epicurus imagined that some God was the energy and creativity behind the world, but removed from the world.

Yet God who is revealed to Abraham and Moses - and whose presence is seen in Jesus Christ so profoundly is anything but remote. God is full of peace and love for all creation and works at it daily through you and me.

After the death and resurrection of Jesus, his followers were filled with The Holy Spirit. This experience of the divine in their personal lives has continued to keep the mission of Jesus alive for two millennia and counting. It is this feeling of peace and love that one has after knowing God, Jesus and The Holy Spirit. This is a two way street. No remote God here.

Catholic Social Justice Teaching takes the experience of the divine and translates this into actions and deeds to make the world a better place.

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