

Lenten Reflection Week 6, 11th April 2022

THE GOOD THIEF

“One of the criminals hanging there abused him. ‘Are you not the Christ?’ he said. ‘Save yourself and us as well.’ But the other spoke up and rebuked him. ‘Have you no fear of God at all?’ he said. ‘You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,’ he said, ‘remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ ‘Indeed, I promise you,’ he replied, ‘today you will be with me in paradise.’” Luke 23: 39-43

Where do we place ourselves in this gospel passage? How often do we take a stand and speak out on behalf of innocent victims of war, crimes, environmental issues, atrocities of all kinds? Do we believe that our voice and our actions can make a difference? We are called to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God. Jesus was clearly pleased with the good thief who spoke up, took a stand and challenged the jeering crowd.

Taizé chant: Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom. (x8)