Thursday of Epiphany 3 2021

Please let me know if there is anything you would like included in the Sunday prayers of our broadcast service.

The God of peace and love remain with us always.

COLLECT
Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness, sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READING Hebrews 10.19-25
Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the
sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he
opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and
since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach
with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled
clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure
water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without
waverung, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider
how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting
to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one
another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

GOSPEL Mark 4.21-25
Jesus said to the disciples, “Is a lamp brought in to be put under the
bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand? For
there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything
secret, except to come to light. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”
And he said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear; the measure
you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given
you. For to those who have, more will be given; and from those
who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.”

MEDITATION
Find a space that is quiet, where you can be still.
When you are ready, picture yourself in this gospel. Jesus is at the centre.
You are among the disciples. Let imagination guide you for the setting
(day or night? cool or sunny?). Hear his words spoken to you, for you:

There is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed…
The measure you give will be the measure you get…
To those who have, more will be given; and from those who
have nothing, even what they have will be taken away…

Open yourself to God, in your mind’s eye with arms wide, vulnerable but
unafraid. Trust that you do “have,” and will receive more; only you can
deprive yourself of God’s blessing, by saying no to him; only you can
deprive yourself of what is your gift from God – your own truest self.