

First Week of Advent

Thursday 3 December 2020

Reflection 5 – Day 5

'You brought us from Egypt like a grapevine...' (Psalm 80:8 NLV)

The Psalmist laments the predicament of God's people (Israel) who have become oppressed by their neighbours and longs for God to rescue His people once more. Just as God rescued His people from Egypt and led them to a promised land, so the Psalmist pleads for God to restore His people once more. With the birth of Jesus, God is described as calling his son out of Egypt (Matthew 2:15) and Jesus goes on to lead a new kind of exodus and a new rescue mission. One where Jesus proclaims to be the true grapevine, and invites us to be his branches and to remain in him and in His love always (John 15).

Where do you need God's love in your life? What do you long for God to do? This Advent, we are invited to look to Jesus and to be reminded of the love of God that was revealed through the life of Jesus Christ.

Lord God,

Life is hard. Stuff happens that makes no sense. Suffering is present that does not seem fair. Injustice too often prevails. Lord, we thank you that you care, that you are love. Lord, we look to you for our hope. We cry out to you with our needs and the needs of this world. And we say, come Lord Jesus.

Amen