

Rummaging in the Week for God

A midweek bible study from Northwest Anglican



This midweek bible study is designed to help you 'rummage' in the week for God. Much like a drawer of random bits and pieces, so we will rummage to find God in our week, knowing that the drawer always reveals something useful, something treasured and more often than not, something unexpected.

Opening Prayer

God of unchangeable power,
You have revealed yourself
To us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
Keep us firm in this faith
That we may praise and bless your holy name;
For you are one God now and forever. Amen

Song

Be still and know that I Am God
God is our refuge and strength
A very present help in trouble
Be still and know that I Am God
Therefore we will not fear even
though the Earth be removed
And though the mountains be carried
into the midst of the sea
Be still and know that I Am God



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xzBFkKW9QDg>

Be Still and Know
Christy Nockels

Scripture

Romans 8:12-17
Mark 8:34-38

Reflection: Learne

Today, 3rd June is a National Public Holiday in Uganda. The day commemorates the 45 martyrs, both Catholic and Anglican, who were killed on the orders of the then King of Buganda between 1885 and 1887 and we remember this day in our church calendar. This is the most horrific period for the Christian faith in Uganda. The Martyrs of Uganda were for the most part young baptised page boys of the king's court. The king saw allegiance to God as a threat to his absolute authority. Weirdly I think I understand that thinking - when I become a Christian the Lord has my first allegiance.

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I can see how a king might be threatened and the consequences can be and sometimes have been horrific when people are asked to renounce their faith in Jesus as Lord. In our gospel reading for today Jesus invites the crowd into the conversation he has been having with the disciples. It's a pivotal moment of leadership and what the people will need to do if they want to follow. *"Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am."* is how Eugene Petersen translates it in The Message. Wow - this is where the rubber hits the road for all of us in every part of our life. Our attitudes and behaviours; our willingness to carry the name and values of Jesus into every circumstance we find ourselves. How we live in our conversations and lifestyles and jobs and communities matters when we are disciples of Jesus Christ.

Questions for Reflection

- Read Romans 8:15-16. In what ways does knowing you are a child of God help you in your journey as a Christian disciple?
- Our world is in turmoil and our brothers and sisters who are black live in fear...think about how racism eats away at the core of who we are and ask God to show you how to pray.

Closing Prayer

Praise to you God of Africa and of every country.
Praise to you this day for the martyrs of Uganda
who stood firm against the ruling and seductive power,
who by their persecution and death inspired others to build your church.
May we be encouraged by their example to live courageously
Proclaiming your kingdom by word and deed. Amen



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