



Words for the Way

An online Lent Course for the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

Empowers Saturday 27 May



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John 21:20-25

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?'

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

In today's reading from the Gospel of John we hear Jesus referring to the beloved disciple and us hearing the Gospel of John is that disciple's bearing witness to Jesus and that Jesus did and said far more than that which is contained in the Gospel of John. The beloved disciple was following Jesus and went on to tell others the good news of Jesus life in the world and love for the world.

Today's word for reflection is 'empowers' which means to give (someone) the authority or power to do something, or make (someone) stronger and more confident, especially in controlling their life and claiming their rights. What does your Christian faith, your relationship with God – Father Son and Holy Spirit and being part of the Body of Christ – the Church empower you to do and be?

*"God's love is like a river that never runs dry. It continually flows into our hearts, filling us with a sense of purpose, worth, and empowerment."
Beth Moore*

*"It's not about finding ways to avoid God's judgment and feeling like a failure if you don't do everything perfectly. It's about fully experiencing God's love and letting it perfect you. It's not about being somebody you are not. It's about becoming who you really are."
Stormie Omartian, The Power of a Praying Woman*

To listen

Rejoice in the Lord Always Z49 by Henry Purcell, one version is by Collegium Vocale Gent

Beloved by Mumford & Sons

Beloved by Rend Collective

These can be found on a playlist at

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/72omFXFjUHKiHcvk9OYv4?si=0b356c51045b422b>



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