

Monday 14 October

Rom 1:1-7, Ps 98:1-4, Lk 11:29-32

From Baptised and Sent

Paul's service is based on the word of Christ, nourished by the word of Christ, and communicates the word of Christ. His life is Christocentric. The opening lines of the letter depict the dynamism of God's salvation, which turns from particularism to universality: in Christ salvation no longer has privileged recipients, but is addressed to everyone, even to those who are far away. His Church, the universal sacrament of salvation, in a permanent state of mission, is sent to everyone, calling together everyone to Christ. (p. 129)

From Pope Francis

Peace is not achieved by normative frameworks and institutional arrangements between well-intentioned political or economic groups. Jesus finds the solution to the harm inflicted through a personal encounter between the parties. It is always helpful, moreover, to incorporate into our peace processes the experience of those sectors that have often been overlooked, so that communities themselves can influence the development of collective memory. "The principal author, the historic subject of this process, is the people as a whole and their culture, and not a single class, minority, group or elite – the people as a whole and their culture –. We do not need plans drawn up by a few for the few, or an enlightened or outspoken minority which claims to speak for everyone. It is about agreeing to live together, a social and cultural pact" (EG 239).

From the Good Samaritan Benedictine Story

*The question is: What is the way to the beginning of peace? The philosopher Blaise Pascal wrote, "The unhappiness of a person resides in one thing, to be unable to remain peacefully in a room". It is silence and solitude that brings us face to face with ourselves and the inner wars we must win if we are ever to become truly whole, truly at peace.*ⁱ

ⁱ Joan Chittister OSB, <http://www.joanchittister.org/articles/time-peace>