

Sunday 6 October

Hab 1:2-3; 2,2-4, Ps 95:1-2,6-9, 2 Tm 1:6-8,13-14, Lk 17:5-10

From Baptised and Sent

We come to see the difference, then, which faith makes for us. Those who believe are transformed by the love to which they have opened their hearts in faith. By their openness to this offer of primordial love, their lives are enlarged and expanded. The self-awareness of the believer now expands because of the presence of another; it now lives in this other and thus, in love, life takes on a whole new breadth. (p. 103)

From Pope Francis

The Christian life that each of you has, also comes from afar. It is a gift we received in the Church which comes from the heart of God our Father, who wishes to make each of us a masterpiece of creation and of history. Every carpet, and you know this well, must be made according to a weft and a warp; only with this form can the carpet be harmoniously woven. So too in the Christian life: every day it must be woven patiently, intertwining a precise weft and warp: the weft of faith and the warp of service. When faith is interwoven with service, the heart remains open and youthful, and it expands in the process of doing good. Thus faith, as Jesus tells us in the Gospel, becomes powerful and accomplishes marvellous deeds. If faith follows this path, it matures and grows in strength, but only when it is joined to service.ⁱ

From the Good Samaritan Benedictine Story

*Compassion is the deep, gut wrenching response to and embracing of the situation of another. As a radical critique of blind legalism, cynical indifference, or established subservience, it is a work of justice, which announces that another's dignity or hurt is to be taken seriously. And it is woven into the whole fabric and all seasons of a Benedictine community's life.*ⁱⁱ

ⁱ Apostolic Journey to Georgia and Azerbaijan (September 30 - October 2, 2016), Mass in the Church of the Immaculate, Homily of the Holy Father, Sunday, October 2, 2016

ⁱⁱ Verna Holyhead SGS, *The Gift of St Benedict*, p116