

Morning Meditation

More thoughts from Psalms for Our Daily Living by the Reverend Herbert O' Driscoll.

Psalm 127: Unless the Lord builds the house, their labour is in vain who built it.

As I listened to Bishop Todd's Charge to Synod on Saturday, I thought of Psalm 127 I had read during the week.

The author writes; As our society moves through its currant phase of massive change, of the many questions people are asking concerns the nature and the meaning of work they do. People are asking more and more that, whatever work they do, it must have meaning. When the psalmist says, "It is vain that we rise so early and go to bed so late....to eat the bread of toil, " He uses religious language' but many secular statements make the same demand. We may assume that there must be an ultimate meaning and intention beyond immediate function purpose of our work. It must somehow give us a feeling of being part of something greater than ourselves.

The psalmist says," Unless the Lord watches over the city and declares, "Unless the Lord builds the house, their labour is in vain who built it".

My faith assures me that God watches over our city (the parish) and that he built our house, (the church, the Body of Christ). He also affirms the most necessary element of family formation, indeed the nurture of all relationships and presence of God.

As this time of history and the pandemic, we live in a society in many ways different from that of the psalmist, we can still hear in these verses a reminder that our human relationships, especially those closest to us and our brothers and sisters in Christ, are of ultimate value in our lives. They are to be loved, treasured, nurtured and blessed as we move forward to a new reality.

Gracious Father, we ask that you watch over the Church, built on the foundation of you love. Help us to live, love and proclaim the gospel that many may find life in you Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Love, hugs and blessings,
Maria