

TUESDAY EASTER 6

First Reading: Acts 16: 22-34;

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8;

Gospel Reading: John 16: 5-11

THEME: Do Not Grieve

Life is often full of ups and downs. During the up experiences, we feel God is very close. Some personal experiences like sickness, death, disasters, COVID-19 crisis, and world events may make us feel that God is distant. In such events, God demonstrates that he is always in control. God uses all situations for the promotion of his kingdom of peace and love. That is why it is often said that God writes straight on crooked lines. The first reading gives a great example. The earthquake led to the release of Paul and his companions. It also led to the conversion of the jailor and his family.

God in his Spirit is closer to us than we are aware. Jesus's words that we should not fear are fulfilled. Sin creates crooked lines. The world's sin is primarily unbelief about the vision of life that Jesus gives. The Spirit proves the rightness of Jesus in his claims to come from God. His Spirit continues to instruct us about sin and judgment that is wrongness. About the righteousness of Christ because he came from. About the meaning of the death of Christ: that he conquered sin and the Ruler of the world, Satan. We are assured of no need for grieving. All we need to do is to always ask the Spirit of Christ to fill us and strengthen our faith in the midst of trials.

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