

First Day of Spring?

Devotion for March 2014

Hymn: For the Beauty of the earth VU 226

Scripture: Job 37.6 Genesis 8:22

Reflection:

We all know March holds the first day of spring, but when it is still blowing and snowing it is hard to believe that spring will actually come. However we have faith that spring will come, we know it will. And before spring arrives March 17 rolls around and almost the whole world is united by being Irish and green, for a day. For such a secular bunch that the world has become it is interesting to note that it is saints that bring us together: St. Nicholas, St. Valentine, and then St. Patrick. Well perhaps no longer is it who they are or were, that unites us, but what they represent to the modern world: presents, chocolates, and finally green beer. But you know it was not always that way. When the Catholic Church reigned those saints, at least St Valentine & St Patrick were revered for what they did and not for chocolates and green beer. Times change, we give chocolates on the appointed day and some still turn to green beer on March 17, and we all still have faith that spring will arrive. What is in question is, do we still have faith in Jesus? Church membership is dwindling, but it is not yet down the tube, and you know that does not equate to people not having faith in Jesus. Amen

Discussion: Not the ending to this devotion you would expect, but I don't want to determine your faith for you, so let's talk about how the Christian world still has faith in Jesus, or at least his teaching.

Hymn: As comes the breath of spring VU 373

Prayer: God, our everlasting spring, the constant renewal of our spirit, we ask your help to keep the spirit of Jesus and his teachings in our hearts. If our faith wanders, our resolve weakens, shows us that like the seasons, Jesus is a constant that we can count on as sure as the Robins sing once more, the tulips spring forth and the sun warms our bodies, so will Jesus warm our souls and like another spring that renews the earth, so shall our faith be renewed. Amen