

HOMILY for GOOD FRIDAY – Year C

NO GREATER LOVE

There never was a greater love
Than that of God for man,
Nor more unselfish giving
Without a limit and
No purer motives than the ones
Within the heart of He
Who said “Love one another,
As I have first loved thee.”
There never was a greater love,
Nor will there ever be.
When Jesus said, “I’ve chosen you,
...You have not chosen me,”
And, “As the Father loves Me,
So also I love you,”
He saw our faults and weaknesses,
As only God can do.
And if you have been lied to,
Forsaken or abused,
So was the Lord, deserving not
To be so badly used.
No one but He can offer us
A life that never ends,
Who proved “There was no greater love,
Than dying for His friends.” (*John 15:9-17 by Grace E. Easley*)

It is certainly hard to find a friend like that these days. For many folks in America want to ignore the needs of the misfortunate & the social outcast & put theirs before others. Besides that selfish attitude, the rich still want more wealth & do not like to share God’s blessings for them with others. Those attitudes have caused division & brought hatred & fights into our world. We need someone who could change that & help all the citizens of our world be friends with one another. A world surrounded by friendship is more prosperous & joyful than the one filled with selfishness & isolation.

Thankfully God the Father has shared His Son Jesus to help us be friend with one another again by His personal sacrifice for us on the Cross. Unlike the selfish acts we have seen in our world these days, Jesus has shown us how to be kind & generous with the whole world. When we follow that way of life, God will repay us a hundredfold & turn our generosity to wonderful blessings for the whole world. So, let’s imitate our Lord Jesus & learn to die for our friends.