

AN ENTRY ON

# Abiding in Christ

FROM "A LITURGY  
FOR THE RITUAL OF  
MORNING COFFEE"

"REMAIN IN ME, AND I IN  
YOU. JUST AS A BRANCH IS  
UNABLE TO PRODUCE FRUIT  
BY ITSELF UNLESS IT REMAINS  
ON THE VINE, NEITHER CAN  
YOU UNLESS YOU REMAIN IN  
ME. I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE  
THE BRANCHES. THE ONE  
WHO REMAINS IN ME AND  
I IN HIM PRODUCES MUCH  
FRUIT, BECAUSE YOU CAN DO  
NOTHING WITHOUT ME."

—JOHN 15:4-5

**POETRY READING:** PSALM 46

**PROSE READING:** JOHN 15:1-17

Meet me, O Christ,  
in this stillness  
Move me, O Spirit,  
to quiet my heart.  
Mend me, O Father,  
from yesterday's harms.

From the discords of yesterday,  
resurrect my peace.  
From the discouragements of yesterday,  
resurrect my hope.  
From the weariness of yesterday,  
resurrect my strength.  
From the doubts of yesterday,  
resurrect my faith.  
From the wounds of yesterday,  
resurrect my love.

Let me be ever  
aware of my need,  
and awake

to your grace,  
O Lord.

Amen.

- What do you feel is keeping you from abiding in Christ in this moment? What fears? What distractions? What burdens? What pride? Attempt to put words around these barriers and, in naming them, pray that the Lord might help you push them aside.

- With as many barriers cleared away as possible, what might it mean now to reside here, open and known, awake to grace?

- Consider how you might help others practice the presence of God. How might your own life become to those around you a more gracious invitation to rest in God and abide in Christ?

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER:**