

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

In these Post Resurrection Readings, we are presented with the growth of the Way, the Apostles reference the Community of the Resurrection. The task of the Apostles in these readings from John and Luke strive to teach the "new-comers" to the Faith that even though Jesus suffered and died, he spoke of his suffering thus preparing his followers that this was predicted, that the Scriptures, especially the Prophet Isaiah spoke and wrote about these events as Jesus prepared to reveal his "sonship" and predictions to the reader, the early apostles. Jesus tried to prepare them, but they could not imagine the reality of his passion and death. So, without an imagination, we too can be stuck.

Wendell Berry wrote:

"It may be that when we no longer know what to do,
we have come to our real work;
and when we no longer know which way to go,
we have begun our real journey.

The mind that is not baffled is not employed.
The impeded stream is the one that sings."

I believe that the early disciples were so shocked and lost, they were paralyzed with fear and loss. That is where this poem may spring us forward as the "impeded stream". May we all sing with fresh breath.