

Daily Reflection

April 7, 2020

So, we are not the only ones who have faced daunting conditions. Today's [Daily Office readings](#) include much wailing over troubled times. *Psalm 6:6* leads the way:

I grow weary because of my groaning; *
every night I drench my bed
and flood my couch with tears.

And then there is *Lamentations 1:19*:

my priests and elders
perished in the city
while seeking food
to revive their strength.

You will be pleased to know that I shopped today and found plenty of food. I won't perish in the streets. What can we learn from those who have faced greater challenges than we?

Both these authors wonder whether God is the source of their plight. Many are wondering the same thing right now. But in the second reading, St. Paul, who knew the totality of inherited Scripture, set us all straight. Like our first two authors, Paul was "so utterly, unbearably crushed that [he] despaired of life itself." But through Jesus, he met the true God, who is not the author of our travail, but rather the designer of our redemption. "For in [Jesus] every one of God's promises is a 'Yes.' " (*2 Corinthians 1:20*)

Jesus does not tell us which store will have toilet paper or eggs this week. The promise of God is much greater. EASTER SPOILER ALERT: Jesus' death and resurrection promise that life and love will have the last word. Search the closet for your best Easter bonnet. Wear it with your mask.

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