

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time

February 8, 2009

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Cor 19:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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“My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle” Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Dark night
tedious day
weeks of misery
restless heart

As with Job
the suffering
puzzles our small souls

But,
we give thanks to you
for giving us your Son
to stand with us in suffering,
to love, to give us hope.

Jesus, we welcome you.

“I have become all things to all, to save at least some” 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23

Lord, share
Paul’s passion with us.
Let us come not as great lords,
but as slaves to all.

Pour your grace into others through us
the grace that flows down
so abundantly into us.

“He approached her, grasped her hand, and helped her up.” Mark 1:29-39

Simon Peter said,
“Everyone is looking for you”
as you carried your message across Galilee.

Whole towns gathered at your door,
their sick in tow.

We too clamor to find you,
here, in our day.

Please, Lord, heal us too.
Grasp our hands.
Help us up.

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