

Session One

Friday 16 May

John 16:16- 22

¹⁶'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me.' ¹⁷Then some of his disciples said to one another, 'What does he mean by saying to us, "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me"; and "Because I am going to the Father"?' ¹⁸They said, 'What does he mean by this "a little while"?' We do not know what he is talking about.' ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, 'Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, 'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'?' ²⁰Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy.

Two short Readings:

What is real is almost always, to begin with, hidden, and does not want to be understood by the part of our mind that mistakenly thinks it knows what is happening. What is precious inside us does not care to be known by the mind in ways that diminish its presence.

From 'Hiding' in Consolations: the Solace, Nourishment and Underlying Meaning of Everyday Words by David Whyte

Metanoia – often translated as 'repent' – actually means 'relook'! Take a step back and look. Prophetic seeing is seeing what is THERE not what hope is there, or we assume is there. It's about seeing and invoking ACTION.

Prophets call attention so that people's behaviour changes.

Sharon Moughtin, Vicar of St Mary's Eco Church (church without walls), Lambeth

Prayers

Psalm 51. 11-12

Do not cast me away from your presence:

Do not take your holy spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your help again:

And strengthen me with a willing spirit.

Prayer found in the Ukrainian Roman Catholic Church of The Holy Family in Exile, Binney St. London

We pray for all those who would fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

