

Daily Morning Message

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Daily Lectionary Readings Psalm 133
 Daniel 1:1-21
 Acts 2:42-47

Today's Scripture Verse: *All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. (Acts 2:44-45)*

What it means: The early church, moved by the Spirit of Christ, tried to live by the vision of God's Kingdom, and not by worldly practices. They thought that the individualism practiced in an unequal society would prevent them from experiencing the community desired by God, so they gave up personal ownership and regarded the world's gifts as belonging to us all.

Our time of reflection: There have always been small groups of utopian Christians who have tried to practice this community-based ownership of property (think of the Amish or various monastic groups, for example). Those of us who do not practice it literally take on a responsibility for answering how we will use our resources to create an economy that is inclusive and fair to all.

