

Daily Morning Message

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Daily Lectionary Readings

Psalm 148
Isaiah 49:5-16
Matthew 12:46-50

Today's Scripture Verse

Jesus replied, "Who is my mother and who are my brothers?" And pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." (Matthew 12:48b-50)

What it means:

This is what Jesus is reported to have said when someone tells him his mother and brothers are standing outside. Sounds rude, doesn't it? Probably not, though. It is more likely that this is a passage intended to teach us that Jesus creates a new family that is not bounded by marital or physical ties, but is made up of people who love one another because they are committed to the God of love, and that you and I are part of that family.

Our time of prayer:

Holy One, may our lives be guided by the spiritual truth that we belong to your family of mutual care that is created by Jesus' love.

