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YEAR B - MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

O God, make speak to save me. O Lord, make haste to help me. Greetings to you on this Monday of Holy Week. Death, rebirth, & redemption are the themes of this, Holy Week. Christ put on the mortal coil, his physical manifestation, so as to show us not only how to live our lives while walking the world, but also how we must die to the world if we wish to truly live.

This week's readings reflect this message. In the Hymn of the Soul we read of a young man who travels to a foreign land and is cursed into a state of ignorance & darkness. He not only forgets about the mission he has set upon, but has forgotten who he really is, where he is truly from. Clothed like the "unclean ones," filled with their poisonous food, he falls "asleep." This is the plight mankind finds themselves in. All of us have a spark of the Divine Spirit dwelling within us. We received this spark when Adam & Eve received the Breath of Life. Until then, the bodies of our parent ancestors were not alive, and this tells us that the truly living part of man is therefore not our physical bodies, but that Divine Spirit granted to us from on high. When we donned our physical bodies we forgot where we truly come from. Our physical senses and our daily lives rule us, and our indwelling spark, that Divine Spirit, falls "asleep" as we as a people become ignorant of where we truly hail from.

However, we read that Christ has come as a clean and holy sacrifice, awakening us from our ignorance by the purification of our consciousness, making it possible for us to leave behind the futile "dead works" we've lost ourselves in, so that we may truly serve the living God. Through Christ we can take off the robes of the unclean ones, and like Lazarus whom Jesus had raised from the dead, we may recline at a supper of true nourishment.

We are all strangers in a foreign land. We have been anointed with an indwelling Spirit, granted by God, revealed through Christ, awakened by the Holy Rites of Baptism & Chrism. This Spirit is vivified when we partake of our Holy Communion, revealed to us at the Last Supper where Christ instructed His disciples in this practice. Truly I ask you: Do you believe that this is the first time Christ blessed Bread & Wine at a supper table in this way? Or is it not possible that he had done the same when sitting to sup with Lazarus, on whom he had raised from the dead?