

Thought for the Day – Monday 7th March 2022

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Malcolm Guite So loved the world

I can remember sharing songs based on John 3.16. I would like to share a poem by Malcolm from Parable and Paradox.

The whole round world; in Greek the total Cosmos,
Is all encompassed in this loving word;
Not just the righteous, right on, and religious
But every one of whom you've ever heard,
And all the throng you don't know or ignore,
For every one is precious in his sight,
Chosen and cherished; loved; redeemed, before
The circling cosmos ever saw the light,
He set us in the world that we might flourish
That his beloved world might live through us.
We chose instead that all of this should perish
And turned every blessing to a curse.
And now he gives himself as life and light,
That we might choose in him to set things right.

Parable and Paradox Canterbury Press

John 3 16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

