

Thought for the day – Tuesday 21st November 2023

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Matthew 25.41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand. Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

Jesus, you reveal the Father's heart,
And in your love each promise finds its yes,
How could I hear you bid me to depart
Whose every word is bidding me to bliss?
O you, who dared descend and harrow hell,
Who is spared no pain if you might find me there,
You have not come to curse and wish me ill
Or heap your condemnation on despair
Any refusal must begin in me
Mine is the voice that says 'depart',
For I have cursed you in her poverty
And closed to you the heaven of my heart.
Undo my blind refusal, help me see
And welcome you in those you send to me.
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Do we see Christ in other people?