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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Catherine Hughes

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest.” What beautiful words of comfort and love we find in this week's Gospel. In the gift of that love, we experience, as the disciples did, God's divine presence coming to us through Jesus. He comes to place on our shoulders not burdens, but a relationship of freedom, love and care. Whatever burdens we do encounter, Jesus assures us, we will not have to face them alone.

In the second reading St. Paul tells us that the power of God's spirit is continuously at work in the world. It is our choice to live by the flesh and be disengaged from God, which can only end in death or choose to live by the Spirit, which lives in communion with God, and will end in eternal life.

If we choose life, we find happiness and fulfillment not only in our relationship with Jesus, but with the persons that we allow to enter into our hearts: family and friends, the poor and the hungry, the sick and the dying, our enemy perhaps. To whom have we extended this invitation to lately?

Jesus asks us to carry his yoke, to be his disciple. If we choose to accept His invitation we will find true and everlasting peace.