



The Anchorage:
A Contemplative Community for All

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Come away...

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Dear Friends

I pray that my words find you well because so much of the world is not well at the moment. We are currently experiencing times of greater hatred, disease, disaster and death than most, if not all, of us have ever known. Even the earth itself is suffering greatly under the strain of humankind's abuse and neglect. So many people live in great fear, depression and anxiety over loss of life, health and income. Many of our brothers and sisters struggle to pay rent and feed their families. Isolation tears at the fabric of our humanity and sense of connection to our neighbor.

Now, more than ever, we need our God and need to be reassured of God's sovereignty and love for us. We desperately need to cultivate and strengthen our relationship and connection with our Lord and redeemer. I am convinced that communion with and faithfulness to God is the answer and the antidote to helping us survive all the problems we face today.

History is full of examples of individuals and societies that turned to God in their darkest times and were rescued from the depths of despair. Catherine tells me she and others have heard of many people who have reaffirmed and deepened their relationship with Christ, because of current trials.

During these times, perhaps more than ever before we need organizations like The Anchorage, which encourage and provide assistance in attaining peace through greater connection. We serve many members of clergy and laity alike who need a break from the stresses of service and pastoral care in order to recharge and heal in God's loving embrace. Although we can't safely meet in person just yet, your servants at The Anchorage have been busy making alterations and trying new methods to bring respite to anyone who might come to us. Zoom has truly been an amazing way to safely minister to individuals and groups alike. Anyone that seeks solace and spiritual guidance is welcome to attend one of our virtual Desert Days and we will help anyone, regardless of ability to pay a small participation fee. Rest assured, workers from The Anchorage are in the vineyard.

We need your help in continuing our work and so I ask you to join me, if you are able, by supporting The Anchorage with a financial contribution. No amount is too small and you can be assured it will be a blessing to someone in spiritual and perhaps emotional need. I trust Holy Spirit will lead you as you contemplate responding to this need.

Please know that we hold you all in our thoughts and prayers and that you are greatly loved and appreciated.

Blessings,
Brother Jonathan Jones
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