

Thursday, March 11, 2021

**Psalm 33: 1 – 5 (New International Version)**

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

From Thomas Merton, ***Bread in the Wilderness***

*“I will pray with the spirit,” wrote St. Paul to the Corinthians, “I will pray also with the understanding: I will sing with the spirit, I will sing also with the understanding.”*  
*So, too, when we sing the Psalms, the words that are placed before us by the Church are supposed to awaken all the deepest powers of our being and raise us up to God – or rather, to show us that, because of the death and Resurrection of Christ, we find ourselves at this very moment in God, Whose Kingdom has come and is waiting to be revealed in us His sons. How will it be revealed to the world unless it first be realized in us, in whom the Scriptures are to be fulfilled?*