

Commentary on the Gospel for Tue, May 8th 2012

In the Scriptures peace is always much more than cessation of hostilities. It is a right relationship with God and with others. In this picture, there is no peace with God. But we often settle for less, calling it peace: if we are not actually fighting we say we are at peace. We always say that war “breaks out” implying it was always there, dormant, within us, just waiting to cross over into action. Why not talk about peace breaking out? Of course, it can only break out if it is first within us. But it is! “I give you my peace,” Jesus said in verse 27.

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