



**Thursday, August 3, 2023**  
**Thursday of the Seventeenth**  
**Week in Ordinary Time**



*Good morning!*

We read Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38, Psalm 84, Matthew 13:47-53. God desires a dwelling with the people of Israel. God is dwelling with us. Jesus asks his disciples, "Do you understand all these things?" They reply, "Yes." Jesus asks us, "Do you understand all these things?" We may reply "yes" at times and "no" at others. It took a while for the disciples to understand Jesus' parables, so it takes time for us to relate with them as well. God desires to be with us, hopefully, we desire to be with God now and for eternity. Jesus speaks of the net thrown into the sea; will you be in the bucket? May we yearn to recognize God's presence more clearly with us as we walk with Jesus, guided by the Holy Spirit, to share our stories and the Good News with others. Look for the cloud and fire. Open your hearts to the words of Jesus. As we move forward realize the presence, strength, and mystery that has been revealed to us. Live into today, and live, giving glory to God.

*Peace,*

*RevKev*

*"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, mighty God!"*

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