



*Reflection from Deacon Ross 2.9.20*

WHEN DOES NIGHT END AND DAY BEGIN?

In an old Hasidic legend a Rabbi was quizzing his pupils.

"How can one determine the hour of dawn – when night ends and day begins?"

One student replied, "When from a distance you can tell the difference between a dog and a sheep."

"No," answered the Rabbi.

"Is it when you can distinguish between a fig tree and a grapevine?"

asked a second. "No!"

"Tell us, then, Rabbi!"

"When you can look into the face of any human being and you have enough light to recognize your brother or your sister.. Until then it is night, and darkness is still with us."

The prophet Isaiah says: "If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; if you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday." You will have enough light to recognize your brother or your sister in any human being.

Jesus says: "You are the light of the world. your light must shine before others" so that they, too, may have enough light to recognize their sister or brother in any human being.

As we "look into the face" of one another at St. James, we pray to have enough light to recognize our sister and brother – and share that light with others. Dawn will come.

*Blessings, Dcn. Ross Mt 5:13-16*

