

WEEKLY E-LETTER -- Jan 31, 2017

Grace and Peace to you all this day!

If you are feeling disoriented and shaken up after the past week, you are not alone. There is a lot to digest and more to try to understand and react to.

It is one of those times when things seem to be happening all too fast; one after another. It is important for us to make time and a space to pause, reflect, remember who we are and to pray for the world.

Last Sunday, we pondered The Beatitudes in Matthew 5: 1-12. How powerful those words are in light of recent acts of violence and loss of life. I mourn for the families of the dead and those seriously injured. I mourn for that faith community in Quebec City and for other Muslim communities in Canada. My heart breaks that now, Canada too, seems to be a place where such unthinkable things can and do happen.

Perhaps this will help us to take our role in our city and the country much more seriously, Now we can clearly see that yes, we can make a difference in the world, and we must!

We will continue on with Matthew's gospel this Sunday, (5: 13-20) and I know our hearing will be coloured by what is happening in Canada, and also in the United States under the new President and his administration.

Please know you are not alone. God also weeps with those whose lives have been forever changed. Do not hesitate to call me or Ellen if you need to.

May you remember that you are blessed, and may you reach out to others in love.

Rose~Hannah