

Where's Your Chair?

Acts 8 14-25



Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;
let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.
Psalm 143:10

Praising:

Lord of the Church, we seek a
Father's blessing,
a true repentance and a faith
restored,
a swift obedience and a new
possessing,
filled with the Holy Spirit of the
Lord!
We turn to Christ from all our
restless striving,
unnumbered voices with a single
prayer:
the living water for our soul's
reviving,
in Christ to live, and love and
serve and care.

Reading:

Acts 8:14-25
The most precious things cannot
be bought

It is easy to dismiss Simon as a

charlatan, a confidence trickster
out only for personal gain. As the
first century equivalent of an
astrologer or a psychic, Simon
depended for his livelihood on
convincing people that he was
genuine. But what Simon
witnessed when people received
the laying on of hands and prayer
from Peter and John, was way
beyond anything he had ever
seen before. Certainly to receive
the gifts of the Holy Spirit is a
wonderful and life-transforming
experience. But it is not an end in
itself. Neither is it a commodity to
be traded. More than anything
else, it is not a blessing to be
earned or achieved. What Simon
has to learn, is that the prime
qualifications are actually humility
before God, and a deep sense of
personal unworthiness.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord help us to trust in the gifts
you give us through the laying on
of hands

- the eternal life Christ extends
to us through Baptism,
repentance and faith
- the power to speak and
witness for Christ which we
received at Confirmation
- the healing and peace we may
know when brothers and
sisters in Christ pray for us

Father: though the hands laid
upon me are always taken away,
yours are not. You give me all I
need in the Spirit to be your
servant in the world. If only I can
bring myself to believe that.
Amen

Doing:

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