

Watch the TV news with other people and eventually you will hear someone lament - "There is no justice this side of heaven."

Whether or not that is true remains open to debate - and perhaps is better off not discussed.

In the first reading, we hear about Peter and John being arrested and thrown in jail because of the jealousy of the ruling religious elite. Indeed, this is hardly justice.

But through God's action through the ministry of an angel, they are set free - in order that the Gospel be preached to the world.

While humans may judge based on jealousy or fear or ... worse reasons, yet - God's judgement is always just - because He is justice itself.

In the Gospel we just heard the ever popular John 3:16 and the following text.

People speak often of God's judgement. Yet John reminds us that God has already judged the world.

And this is the verdict,
that the light came into the world,
but people preferred darkness to light,
because their works were evil.

Let us pray that we will be among those who preferred the light over the darkness.

Let us ask for the grace so that our works may be found to be good - that we might rise to new life daily in the light of Jesus Christ.