



SAINT LOUIS ABBEY



Feast of St. Bede—Father Laurence

Why do we sing, “Lord, teach me your statutes”? The psalmist is burning with love for his God. He knows that God has called him into intimate union with himself and that union is life, the fulfillment of all his desires. And he knows that the way to that union is to align himself with the will of God, to love all that God loves. He asks to be taught this will of God.

His prayer was answered when Jesus gave us the Spirit of God, the Spirit who searches the depths of everything, even the depths of God himself. The Spirit has given us the mind of Christ.

Saint Bede was one who strove to understand the mind of God and to teach it. He allowed himself to be mastered by the Spirit of God and so became a shining light for the church of his time and for all time. Let us ask God that the same Spirit will form us in the likeness of the Son of God, that we may learn his will and do it, thus building our house on the everlasting foundation of Christ.