

# THE POETRY OF FAITH

***“Earth’s the right place for love.  
I don’t know where it’s likely to go better”.***

Robert Frost

If poetry “lacks necessity”, it lacks life. “Truth’s the heart of poetry”, as it is for prayer, and if it’s in the blood, it has to be said.

“Earth *is* the right place”. It’s all we have. It’s everything we have.

***“So be reposed and praise, praise  
the way it happened, and the way it is”.***

P.J. Kavanagh

***“Living is dailiness, a simple bread  
That’s worth the eating.”***

Judith Wright

It’s hard to miss the echo from the wisdom of Jesus in his teaching on prayer:

“Give us today our daily bread”. For Jesus, as it was for Judith Wright, this is a world of grace, where...

***“we are wound  
With mercy, round and round,  
As if with air”.***

Gerard Manley Hopkins

The American poet, Mary Oliver’s understanding of poetry  
reads like a good description of prayer,  
which ***“mirrors all of life, reporting it, questioning it”.***

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