

## Three Poems

By Gerard Garrigan, OSB

### For My Brothers in St. Benedict at Gethsemani

Silence is spoken  
 In this sacred space  
 Among this monastic race  
 This treasure now so rare  
 Yes, silence is spoken here  
 Have you ears to hear?  
 Have you ears to hear?

### Let Nothing Be Preferred to the Work of God

(*Rule of St. Benedict 43:3*)

Bing bong  
 Bing bong  
 Monks' bell  
 Leave your work  
 Behind  
 Come and do  
 That work  
 Of all work  
 So very very fine  
 For it is not your work  
 Not your work  
 But Mine



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## Dorothy Day

Had I run into you  
On a bustling Bowery sidewalk  
I would have thought, oh yes,  
Another homeless woman  
And that would have pleased you  
To no end, you who saw Christ  
In the poorest of the poor  
Who saw his eyes in yours.