Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Readings: Deuteronomy 30.15-20 – Choose life and love and you will soar; Luke 9.22-25 – Take up one's cross.

Reality: "First I was dying to finish high school and start college. And then I was dying to finish college and start working. And then I was dying to marry and have children. And then I was dying for my children to grow old enough for school so I could return to work. And then I was dying to retire. And now, I am dying... and suddenly realize I forgot to live." (Anonymous).

Prayer: God of fidelity, your presence overflows the boundaries of our soul, strengthening to choose life. For the cross is inevitable, but the resurrection is always a surprise. Amen.