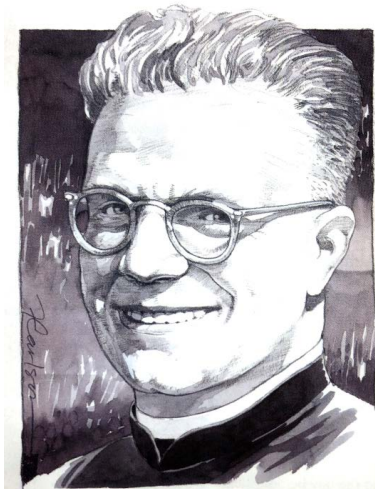


## Explore the Theme — “Seedtime, not harvest”

A song of peace by Chanticleer, the story of Alfred Delp’s resistance to the cruelty of Hitler’s Germany; the humble etchings of a Ukrainian artist in the Soviet era — thanks to Rosemary Mangan, RJM for other “Explore the Theme” postings visit: <https://www.shcj.org/explore-the-theme>

### SEEDS SOWN in OTHER ERAS —

"One thing is becoming gradually clear — I must surrender myself completely. This is seedtime, not harvest. God sows the seed and some time or other he will do the reaping. The one thing I must do is to make sure the seed falls on fertile ground. And I must arm myself against the pain and depression that sometimes almost defeat me. If this is the way God has chosen — and everything indicates that it is — then I must willingly and without rancor make it my way." from *With Bound Hands*, Alfred Delp, SJ



Alfred Delp was a German Jesuit who actively resisted the Nazi regime. After suffering brutal treatment, he was brought to trial, then offered his freedom if he would renounce the Jesuits. He refused, and was hanged for treason on February 2, 1945. His body was cremated and his ashes spread on an unknown field. While his physical remains disappeared, Delp left behind letters smuggled out of prison. They reveal a man of courage who told the prison chaplain accompanying him to his death, “In half an hour, I’ll know more than you do.”

#### PRAYER

by Galway Kinnell

Whatever happens. Whatever  
what is is what  
I want. Only that. But that.



**LISTEN:** “We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace,” sung by Cantus & Chanticleer, from the album *Where the Sun will Never Go Down*; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqp6hWcZl5Q>

if Jesus himself  
be our leader  
we shall walk  
through the valley  
in peace



Above: barefoot farmer sowing seeds in a wheat field

Right: man making bread/harvesting wheat, with child at his side



#### ETCHINGS

by Ukrainian artist  
Lanyak Dmitro Oleksiiovich  
1976