

Waiting in Silence Carey Landry

Waiting in silence, waiting in hope,
we are your people,
we long for you, Lord.
God, ever with us, Emmanuel.
Come Lord Jesus. Maranatha!

Waiting in silence, waiting in hope,
we are your people,
we trust in your love.
O Sun of Justice, true Prince of Peace,
Come with your justice, Lord. Maranatha!

Waiting in silence, waiting in hope,
we are your people, Lord,
we seek your truth.
Wisdom Incarnate, teach us your way;
Show us the path of life. Maranatha!

Waiting in silence, waiting in hope,
we are your people,
we long for new life.
O Key of David, open our hearts.
Give us new vision, Lord. Maranatha!

Waiting in silence, waiting in hope,
we are your people,
our hearts thirst for you.
Flower of Jesse, bloom in our midst.
Make us your garden, Lord. Maranatha!

Prayer Leader:

Betsy Nero

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Learning to Wait

Joan Chittister, OSB



Our prayer is characterized by silence ~

Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word.

God is present in all our lives.

God cares for us, and
our life experiences are a source
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence
we share from our hearts.

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To Ponder: The Human Experience of Waiting

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Advent is about learning to wait. It is about not having to know exactly what is coming tomorrow, only that whatever it is, some hard, some uplifting, is sign of the work of God alive in us. We are becoming as we go. We learn in Advent to stay in the present, knowing that only the present well lived can possibly lead us to the fullness of life.

Life is not meant to be escaped, we learn, as the liturgical year moves from season to season, from feast to feast. It is meant to be penetrated, to be plumbed to its depths, to be tasted and savored and bring us to realize that the God who created us is with us yet. Life, we come eventually to know, is an exercise in transformation, the mechanics of which take a lifetime of practice, of patience, of slow, slow growth.

Advent relieves us of our commitment to the frenetic in a fast-paced world. It slows us down. It makes us think. It makes us look beyond today to the “great tomorrow” of life.

It is while waiting for the coming of the reign of God, Advent after Advent, that we come to realize that its coming depends on us. What we do will either hasten or slow, sharpen or dim our own commitment to do our part to bring it.

Waiting – that cold, dry period of life when nothing seems to be enough and something else beckons within us – is the grace that Advent comes to bring. It stands before us, within us, pointing to the star for which the wise ones from the East are only icons of ourselves.

We all want something more. Advent asks the question, what is it for which you are spending your life? What is the star you are following now? And where is that star in its present radiance in your life leading you? Is it a place that is really comprehensive enough to equal the breadth of the human soul?

Reading: from Prayer Seeds

Joyce Rupp

Silent One, as we move within our daily tasks,
clothe us with your peace-filled stillness.

With the cloak of your all-embracing quietness we can
be assured of remaining focused on what you desire of us.

May our external activities be such that they enable us
to stay mindful of you.

May our spirits be quiet enough to welcome you.

Slow us down when we want to speed up.

Move us toward that quiet pool of peace inside of us
where we can be attentive to your love.

In these days before Christmas, draw us ever nearer to you
in all we are and do.

Protect us from whatever drives peace away.
Anchor us in your love. Amen.

Sharing...

a word...

a phrase...

a reflection...