

Reflection Thursday Advent Week 3 – 2020

Today we begin the O antiphons that lead us into Christmas. They are found in Evening Prayer and introduce the Magnificat. . . *O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together in a strong yet gentle manner. O come to teach us the way of truth.* The Wisdom of God can be found in Word and in human flesh - in Jesus Christ who is the Word. We know the power of the Word of God spoken at the beginning of creation; the power of the word spoken over the bread and wine that becomes the Body and blood of Christ. All of which reminds us of the power of Jesus who comes to mend and heal, to set things right, to broker peace and restore justice; to reveal the deep love of God for us and share his power with us so that we might act in his name. Sin not only prevents us from living fruitfully, it debilitates us. It also hides our gifts from us. Jesus comes to set us free so that the power of his Word can work in us and through us. Jesus helps us see the wonder and beauty of creation, of the people around us and of the possibilities for the future. He sets free hearts that want to sing the praises of God joyfully, and join with the many who are singing his praises with us. It is a wondrous sound. It is the voice of Wisdom. It is the voice of God. Alleluia!

Before the angels sang with joy to shepherds on that night
the Spirit sang Creation's song in darkness and in light.

The song was heard in Sarah's laugh, so too, through slavery's tears
and in the prophets' anguished cries that coursed throughout the years.

Until the word was heard again not from the proud or strong
but by a woman called in faith to offer up her song.

That Word, proclaimed by Mary's soul – God's purpose and desire
becomes in Christ our song to sing to set our hearts on fire

With strength to share as angels did the news of Jesus' birth:
that love, and only love, will reign as Sovereign of the earth.

- What's the difference between knowledge and wisdom? **Knowledge** is knowing tomatoes are a fruit. **Wisdom** is not to put tomatoes into a fruit salad.
- Why could the god of thunder not speak well after he got his wisdom teeth pulled... Because he was too Thor.