

The rising Sun ~ Midweek Reflection # 27, Dec. 3, 2008

“The rising sun will come to us... to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death... “ Luke 1:76-79

Advent is the season in the church calendar when we eagerly await the coming of Christ ~ Twice! We await the celebration of His coming as the Christ child at Christmas, foretold in the Old Testament and acknowledged in the New Testament with singing angels and awestruck shepherds. But we also hear the promise of Christ’s final coming in our Gospel readings throughout this season. Both of these events are compared in the scriptures with the coming of the dawn.

“Faith in the dawn arises from the faith that God is good and just. When one believes this, one knows that the contradictions of life are neither final nor ultimate. One can walk through the dark night with the radiant conviction that all things work together for good for those that love God. Even the most starless midnight may herald the dawn of some great fulfillment.” ~ Martin Luther King Jr.

I want to approach this season of Advent and the celebration of Christmas this year with what Evelyn Underhill once called “Glad Expectancy”. “Our whole life is to be poised on a certain glad expectancy of God; taking each moment, incident, choice and opportunity as material placed in our hand by the Creator whose whole intricate and mysterious process moves toward the triumph of charity, and who has given each living spirit a tiny part in this vast work of transformation”. from The School of Charity

May we be given God’s grace to so live our lives, in this season and always!

Under God’s Mercy,

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