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FAITH A BLESSED ASSURANCE

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From the Gospel of John

*"No one has ever seen God.
The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side,
has revealed him."*

JOHN 1:18

Reflection

Justice

O Holy Night

Yes

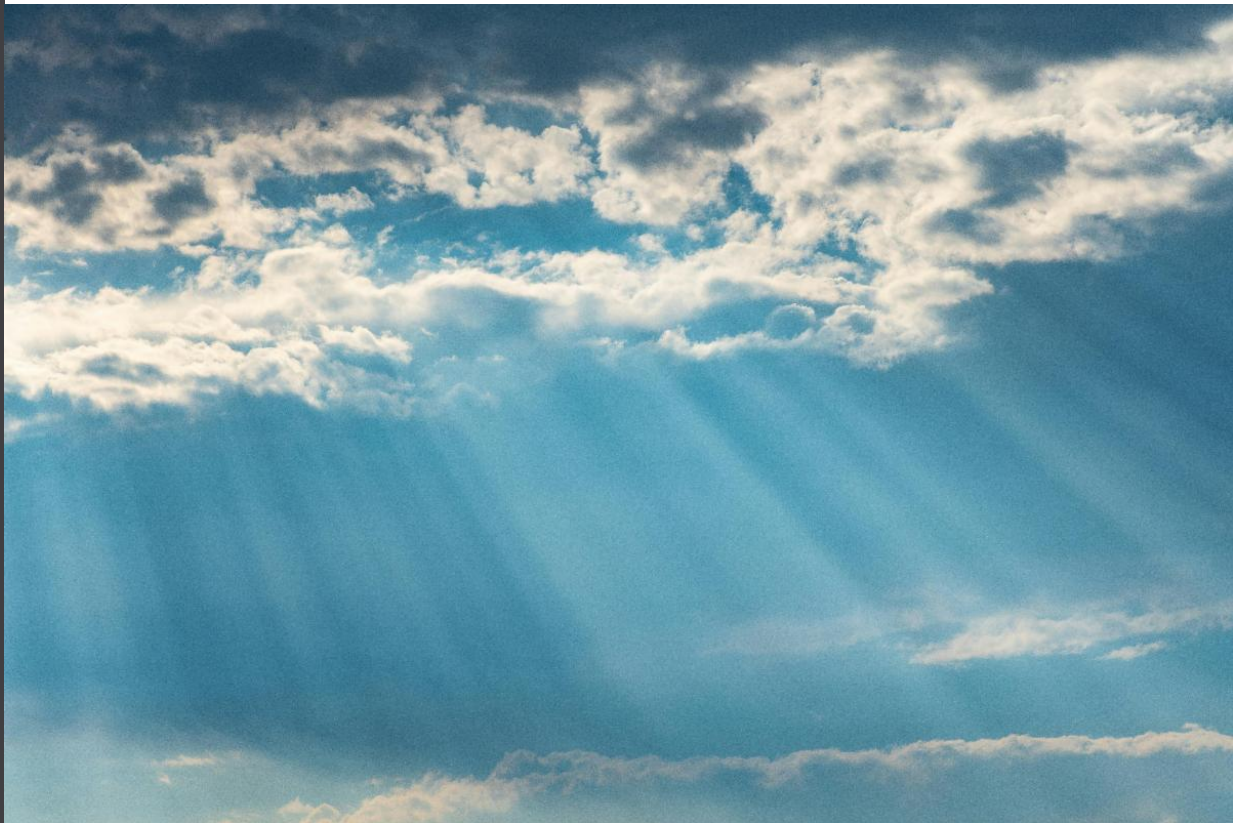
Faith

The daytime reading yesterday resounded a statement of faith (John 1: 1-18). As expressed in the above reading, a question might arise: what does it mean to have faith, to believe in God without proof of extant? As in the past, I often

compare faith to the weather. I cannot see the influences creating rain, wind, or warm temperatures, I just experience the effects. Behind the scenes is the mystery of an integrated whole that moves in mysterious ways and which touches each of us. We can analyze and measure the many factors creating weather and yet, there is still something unfathomable about the whole thing.

As we move into Christmastide, we celebrate the origins of the Christian faith. Through the scriptural narratives we share stories of “feet on the ground” enactments of faith, and are invited to stand in awe at the gift of the Christ and the promise of salvation.

What is faith to you? What does it mean to believe in God? When was a time you leaned into your faith to get through a difficult time? How does your faith influence your life perspectives and relationships? How do you proclaim your faith to others? What are the challenges and gifts of faith? Just some things to consider.



Clouds

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For Pondering

Take some time today to reflect on and consider a personal statement of faith. Perhaps the questions above can help to guide your reflection and statement.

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