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# Daily Reflections



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## SEAMLESS PRESENCE

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### From the Gospel of Luke

*Jesus told his disciples a parable.*

*“Consider the fig tree and all the other trees.*

*When their buds burst open,*

*you see for yourselves and know that summer is now near;  
in the same way, when you see these things happening,  
know that the Kingdom of God is near.*

*Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away  
until all these things have taken place.*

*Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away.”*

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LUKE 21:29-33

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Reflection

This year, the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend, is the last Saturday in the Church year, marking today as a “**New Year’s Eve**” of sorts. There is wisdom in reflecting on what we “**see happening indicating God’s Kingdom is near.**” The seamless presence of God is already in our lives. The kingdom of God is within us.

I am drawn to ponder the blessings, challenges, and gifts of this past year. God has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the ages. I pause now to be quiet and still my racing mind and simply be in “soul space.” While I offer prompts to assist your reflection, choose one or two that resonate.

As we stand on the edge of Advent, let us approach this sacred moment of endings and beginnings with reverence, gentle remembrance, gratitude, hope, and promise.

I Invite the Holy Spirit to help me recognize and remember:

- People that have brightened my life;
- Special events that nourished me;
- Ordinary moments that stirred my heart and soul in awe;
- People and events I have held in my heart and prayer;
- The ways our Gracious and Loving God companioned me as I journeyed this past year.

Meister Eckhart, 12<sup>th</sup> century priest and mystic, said, “**If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.**” I give thanks to God for all that has nourished and inspired me this past year. I rejoice in God’s companioning presence and rejoice in the hope that flourishes within me. I pray that I may always recognize and appreciate the beauty of the kingdom within and all around, revealed through *the good things happening, amid struggles and seeming darkness.* I “**see and know that the Kingdom of God is near.**”

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## For Prayer

*Gracious God,*

*I give you thanks, for you are God of abundant life.*

*You are revealed in the beauty of each person along the way.*

*You call me to be one in you and nourish me*

*by your grace and presence at work in me.*

*I praise you today for your mysterious ways among us;*

*in shared presence; in seeming absence;*

*and in the closeness and distance between us.*

*In thanksgiving for what has been, I sing with gratitude and praise.*

*For all that will be, I pray in hope for what is to come.*

*I trust Your abiding presence to lead me to the next place*

*that You, my God, and the dear neighbor call me.*

*Amen.*

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