



Epiphany

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Dear Friends,

For some, Christmas is over on January 1st. For others, it lasts thru the 12th day of Christmas, a.k.a. Epiphany on 1/6. Tho a friend of mine used to say she was having a good year if the Christmas tree was down by Ash Wednesday!

Liturgically, we are entering the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is not just the single day when we commemorate the arrival of the Magi and Jesus' introduction to the world beyond the Jews. In the coming weeks, the revised common lectionary will show epiphany after epiphany as God is made known thru Jesus in a variety of ways, right up to the dazzling revelation on the mountain top of the Transfiguration.

Just as God is made known thru Jesus, we are to make Jesus known thru our lives, our words, and our actions. To encourage you to be Epiphany revealers, I share with you the words of Howard Thurman ...

The Work of Christmas

~~ Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
 To bring peace among people,
 To make music in the heart.

Grace and Peace.

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