

Christmas 2021

Dear Friends,

Fear not, I bring you great news so the Angel announced to the shepherds. What always struck me was the first part of that great proclamation, fear not. It's easy to fear, to lose ourselves amid the chaos of our modern world. It is frightening to be adrift on a turbulent ocean of worry and concern with no anchor and often as not no compass with which to chart our way. There is so much to decide and seemingly so little help so that we make the right decisions.

But there is a light on the darkened horizon that leads us to safe harbor. There is a compass of love and compassion that guides us true and there is an anchor that will keep us secure in the wildest storms.

This is what the angel is talking about, this new born Saviour that will heal His people. His Kingdom is a Kingdom of light and love. His presence will change everything. His first cry in that night long ago will ignite the heavens and send angelic hosts into spasms of joy on hearing the voice that the world had been waiting for since creation itself.

He is the Christ. He is the wondrous gift of God to us. He who is creation became created so that we might not be afraid of creation. He came so that we might revel in our humanity. He came to set afire our imaginations so that we could glimpse the love of God for us and perhaps even see the future of hope and peace. He came in life so that we might have life.

So, this Christmastide, I say to you fear not. Let us set our sails full into the wind of God's grace. Let us sing out at the top of our lungs of the wonder of our souls blessed by such magnificence. Let us believe that with God all things are possible and all love is gift.

Let us join the children in their laughter and glee. Let us dream of candy canes and Santa Claus. Let us love as we have never loved before. Let us believe as we never believed before.

Let us be not afraid.

Blessed and Merry Christmas to you who are a blessing to me,

*God Bless
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