

'The Mystery Continues to Dwell, Glimmering in Fugitive Light'

Reflection for Week of May 11, 2020

We are invited to ponder the mystery that is dwelling in the darkness of these times.

Suggested Music: *Veni Lumen Cordium* -- Margaret Rizza ([click here](#)) *Veni, lumen cordium. Veni, Sancte Spiritus. Come, light of our hearts. Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

For Light (excerpt)

Light cannot see inside things.
That is what the dark is for:
Minding the interior,
Nurturing the draw of growth
Through places where death
In its own way turns into life.

In the glare of neon times,
Let our eyes not be worn
By surfaces that shine
With hunger made attractive.

That our thoughts may be true light,
Finding their way into words
Which have the weight of shadow
To hold the layers of truth.

That we never place our trust
In minds claimed by empty light,
Where one-sided certainties
Are driven by false desire.

When we look into the heart,
May our eyes have the kindness
And reverence of candlelight.

That the searching of our minds
Be equal to the oblique
Crevices and corners where
The mystery continues to dwell,
Glimmering in fugitive light.

When we are confined inside
The dark house of suffering
That moonlight might find a window.

John O'Donohue,
To Bless the Space Between Us



Even now my days have passed me by;
My plans lie broken at my feet;
the secret wishes of my heart grow cold.
And yet my friends say, this loss of hope is for good,
turning my dark night into what appears to them as day.
In the pitch darkness,
these broken plans and secret wishes speak to me.
They say, "There is light nearby."

-- Job 17:11-12 (Source: *The Voice*)



For Your Reflection

What have you been able to see in the darkness and confinement of these times that you may not have seen otherwise? What invitation to you/us might be in the darkness?

What situations in your life right now might be inviting you to look upon them with the kindness and reverence of candlelight?

Concluding Prayer

May we have the grace to live through this time of confinement, darkness, and uncertainty, treating all that comes into our lives with kindness and reverence. Amen.