

## **DAILY PRAYER**

(for the week of December 20 - 26)

O Lord,

When we sit quietly, together—more quietly than usual—and listen; and when our listening assumes a wider, deeper range than usual, then we live again the naïve excitement of innocence. We sense the world is waiting in the full expectation of both not knowing what will happen and knowing exactly what will happen. Some hear a song from heaven and brace themselves for the downbeat of angels' wings. Some hear the droning, isolated trek of eastern stargazers and await royal announcements and gifts. Some listen for stories of healing and renewal; some hear the chorus of the whole creation, in rocks and stones, in skies and seas. When we listen so deeply, we open our hearts to the coming of Christ. Amen.