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Fourth Week of Advent

Parishioner Reflection

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He shall be peace.

Clinging fiercely to fear. Hoarding what has been abundantly given to share.
Transmitting our pain. Missing the invitation to transform it.
Abandon the squabbling, defending, aggressing, and warring.
He shall be peace.
Be transformed in Love.
The Messiah Is.
And His name is Peace.

May we be willing.
May we be receptive.
May we consent to be
Enveloped in a most wonderful shining face.
Gathered close, known, loved.
May we be saved.

Endlessly circling round and struggling over,
Yet our deepest desire is you.
And Your desire?
Not sacrifice or offering. Truly just us, as we are?
A humble request, we complicate through doubt.
No struggle to be struggled.
No imperfection to be perfected.
May we consent.

She but listened, attended, humbly received the request.
She believed. She consented.
Then simply departed on an errand, a visit to Elizabeth.
Nothing remarkable, just the daily rounds of caring and sharing.
Yet in her heart, knowing all would be fulfilled.

How was it possible to just carry on after such a momentous moment?

Holy acceptance. Faith. Trust overflowing into
Expressions of God's tenderness amidst the daily rounds.
And in her heart, knowing all would be fulfilled.
His face does shine.
And all is fulfilled.