

Morning Prayer – Wednesday, December 2, 2020
St. George's Anglican Church, Cadboro Bay. www.stgeorgecadborobay.ca

Opening Words

In the name of the Holy and Blessed Trinity, one God;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

One thing I have asked of the Lord,
this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in Your house all the days of my life.

Be still and aware of God's presence within and all around

Psalm 36:5-9 (CEV)

Your love is faithful, LORD,
and even the clouds in the sky
can depend on you.
Your decisions are always fair.
They are firm like mountains,
deep like the sea,
and all people and animals
are under your care.
Your love is a treasure,
and everyone finds shelter
in the shadow of your wings.
You give your guests a feast
in your house,
and you serve a tasty drink
that flows like a river.
The life-giving fountain
belongs to you,
and your light gives light
to each of us.

A moment of silence to reflect on the reading

Canticle

Creator of the brightness and of the sun,
You alone know the reason for our being
be with us every day,
be with us every night,
be with us each night and day,
be with us every day and night.

From Saltair

WINGS OF A GOD

The beating of the wings.
Unheard.

The heat rising from dust
of gray streets
as now off pale fields.

'A huge crowd of friends
and well-wishers . . .'

Someone

figureskates brilliantly
across the lacquer lid of a box
where dreams are stored.

Something
has to give.

The wings unheard
felt as a rush of air,
of air withdrawn, the breath

taken—

The blow falls,
feather and bone
stone-heavy.

I am felled,
rise up
with changed vision,
a singing in my ears.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS, THE WORLD, AND ONESELF

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send Your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious about many things look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.
To You we say, 'Come Lord Jesus!'

Joel Mason

Sources

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