

# Advent 2023

## A Little More Space

December 10, 2023

### Isaiah 40v1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:  
'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our  
God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'  
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'  
All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalm 85

Mark 1v1-8

2 Peter 3v8-15a

An Advent Timeline = An Advent Perspective

How might God be inviting you to  
give Him a little more space?

A God of "the next step"?

**Isaiah 40v1-2**  
What is God's posture toward them/us/you?

"God is easy to please and  
hard to satisfy." \_ C. S. Lewis

A God who wants to take  
you further?

**Isaiah 40v3-5**  
"Take God back!"

To what extent, if any, is it your  
responsibility to prepare for  
life-after-death-life-after-death?

**Books:** *Advent* by Tish Harrison Warren  
**Podcast:** The C4SO Podcast (They just did a series on Advent.)  
**Songs:** Come Thou Font of Every Blessing, Come Holy Spirit  
Come, O Come O Come Emmanuel, Broken Vessels, I Love You  
Lord, Take My Life and Let It Be  
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