



APC Advent Devotional – December 6th, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

God Comforts the Soul

(We encourage you to read Isaiah 40: 1-11 first, before proceeding to the devotional)



*The Soul **cries out** to God, but does not expect an answer;*

“O God, have I not served my term?
Have I not waited long enough for your deliverance?
What is your answer, O gentle expositor?”

God comforts the Soul;

“I am coming.”

*The Soul **struggles** to speak, but manages a whisper;*

“What else shall I cry? What more must be prayed?
The winds! They control me.
I cannot stand. My strength is fading.”

God comforts the Soul;

“For you, I will stand forever.”

*The Soul **recalls** an ancient promise, but dares not trust;*

“I am trapped in the wilderness of my own captivity.
The highway to home is empty.
The path ahead is plain, yet I still suffer.”

God comforts the Soul;

“I have spoken. Heed my messenger.”

*The Soul **strains** toward hope, but falters;*

“Are you strong enough to save me?
Will you come to my rescue?
The promise is there, but I am still afraid.”

God comforts the soul;

I am here. I will hold you in my arms. You will be safe.

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