

Animating Advent



FEAST OF EPIPHANY – January 7, 2018

First Reading: [Isaiah 60:1-6](#)

*Get out of bed, Jerusalem? Wake up. Put your face in the sunlight. God's bright glory has risen for you.
The whole earth is wrapped in darkness, but God rises on you. God's sunrise glory breaks over you.
(Isaiah 60:2, translated into modern language in [The Message by Eugene H. Peterson](#))*

Within a three-month period, she had breast surgery, hand surgery, lost her mother, cousin, and uncle. Within a three-month period the world experienced devastating fires, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, terrorism, indiscriminate mass shootings and the threat of nuclear war. Only with the background of darkness can we see light. The edge of darkness, suffering, and weakness is also the place of transformation – the place where Sunrise Glory breaks.

Personal reflection

- What have been moments of darkness in my life?
- When and how did light and hope shine through?

Widening my reflection

- How do we experience darkness in our Congregation—grief, diminishment, loneliness, apathy?
- How do we transform that darkness into light?

Mantra from the [Acts of Chapter 2013](#):

*Breathing in and breathing out unifying love—our charism, our mission—
we participate in the Mystery of Transformation.*

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