

Advent Calendar: Day 20

The reflections for this week are centered around the readings for this Sunday's texts
1 Samuel 2:1-10, Romans 12:9-16b, Luke 1:39-57

Luke 1:40

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit

The spiritual life is a life in which we wait, actively present to the moment,
trusting that new things will happen to us,
new things that are far beyond our imagination, fantasy, or prediction.

Henri Nouwen

O God who is to come, grant me the grace to live now, in the hour of your advent,
in such a way that I may merit to live in you forever, in the blissful hour of your eternity.

Karl Rahner

To begin again with God means seeing that we cannot go on as we are.
To build again with God means we cannot go on running and creeping on the old grove,
in the old, bad, accustomed routine. It means looking to see if God's light and power are
not visible, and they are often closer than we think.
It means waiting... not in the void, but for God's redemption, for the bars of our prison to
burst open suddenly. Jesus has summoned God's kingdom into real life
as the surest and most real of all things

Karl Barth