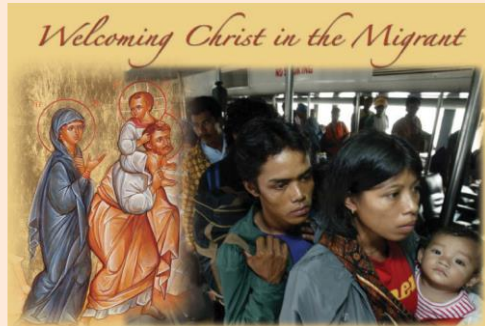


To all of our dear friends, we encircle you with God's light and peace ---

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and magi are home,
when the shepherds are with their flocks
the work of Christmas begins ---



to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to bring peace
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to recognize one another as **Neighbour**.

— Howard Thurman

NOW OUR WORK OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS ---

As you may remember, during the United States Presidential Inauguration of 2021, Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman profoundly and powerfully proclaimed: “there is light if we are brave enough to see it, if we are brave enough TO BE IT.”

During this FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, together, let us be artisans of light and peace wherever we are and for whomever we encounter, being clear in our hearts that “what destroys the earth; destroys wounded humanity.” (*Message for the Celebration of 2022 World Day of Peace*)

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