

Connecting New

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This month I share several poems that relate to pregnancy and infants. As we prepare for the coming of Christ anew in the world, perhaps we could identify how this has and continues to happen on a daily basis through the people close to us.

Godlike

I loved her like God
in the womb, before I could
see, hear or hold her.
I loved her completely,
delighting purely in her existence,
wishing only for her happiness and fulfillment,
desperately longing for her to know me,
to receive my love and to love me in return,
and accepting that she may not,
and still loving her absolutely and unconditionally.
Beaming with the promise of new life,
I knew, really knew, what it is to love like God,
because I loved her as a mother.

Grace

Grace was born today
overcast, cold November warmed with her arrival
reminding the extent of our capacity for joy
reminding the meaning and mystery of existence
child of God, thank you both
let me hold you to my breast
let me hold you to my heart
reminding you
it only gets better
it only gets better
as love continues to expand
as we grow into the fullness of ourselves

Austin

Welcome, child, welcome,
to the fullness of life,
to goodness,
to love, from love,
to the surprises of God.

Challenge us, child, challenge us,

to be authentic and honest,
to love you when it is difficult,
to set you free when we would rather cling,
to encourage you to take risk when we
 would rather keep you safe,
to be patient and kind always.

Bless us, child, bless us,
with your laughter and smile,
with your needs and wants,
with your struggle for independence and self-discovery,
with your successes and failures,
with growing into the fullness of yourself.

Delight us, child, delight us,
with your questions,
your friendships,
your love affairs,
your kindness and generosity,
and with your passions.

Celebrate, child, celebrate,
with us,
for today we honor that you have already
 changed the world for the better,
and we are grateful.

Finally, I invite you to remember that as others mediate the love and grace of God to us, we also mediate the love and grace of God to them. Open your heart, open your arms. God is with us again!

Peace and Blessings,
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