

## December 22, 2020 Daily Church Email

*A Thanksgiving for Winter*  
by Simon Taylor

God of beauty and grace,  
we thank you for all that winter brings to us,  
for revealing the stark beauty of a tree's outline  
and giving the wonder and intricacy of a flake of snow.

We thank you for a time to rest from mowing the lawn  
or from weeding the vegetable bed;  
a time to expectantly plan what seeds to plant in the season to come,  
but from the comfort of a cosy chair.

We delight in playing in the snow,  
or at least in the hope that we might.  
We thank you for long dark nights when we can watch the moon rise  
or appreciate the bright company of stars.

We welcome the goose, the teal and the fieldfare  
as they visit our winter shores and woods,  
and the snowdrop as it interrupts bleak January days with delicate beauty.

We thank you for cold wintery walks  
when we can snuggle into our favorite scarf,  
look forward to a hot cup of tea in our hands  
and reminisce in front of the fire.

We even thank you for those grey and wet mild days,  
when the cold does not bite  
and we have a topic of conversation to take with us through the day.

Grant us the graciousness to see winter's gifts  
and enjoy earth's quiet season.

Have a blessed day in Christ,  
Pastor Julie

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