

Thoughts on the Daily Word

1st Week of Advent. Monday 1st December. Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm: 121; Matthew 8:5-11.

We begin Advent with a journey theme. We are invited to journey to the mountain of the Lord. In the Gospel the story is of paralysis being overcome. The journey motif will haunt us throughout our liturgical year, climaxing in the Lenten, Exodus journey. This reminds us that our liturgy is not just something to watch but is meant to empower us, draw us forward in hope. Advent gets us off to the right start by telling us that someone is coming and that we need to go out and meet him. Perhaps like the centurion who debased himself by asking this strange foreign man for help. Summoning up the faith of this man is what we are called to do on this journey. Don't look at the crib yet, look out for the one who is coming now.