

## Darkness Blessing

*We are very familiar with using the image of light when talking about God but the Hebrew Scriptures contain many images of God residing in the darkness. (Genesis 1:2; Deuteronomy 5: 23 – 24; 2 Samuel 22: 10, 12; Job 23: 17; Job 38: 8 – 9; Ps 97: 1 - 2; Ps 104; Isaiah 45: 3; Amos 4: 13; Amos 5 : 8; Amos 5: 18; Mark 15: 33) As we drew near to advent we decided we wanted to reclaim many of the negative images of darkness that appear in the traditional advent readings and focus on the positive images of darkness.*

*To illustrate this idea of reclaiming the darkness we looked at the children's book, *The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark*, by Jill Tomlinson which looks at the dark as being necessary, exciting, beautiful, fascinating, wonderful and fun.*

May the blessing of God  
who paints the night sky  
across the heavens  
Be with us.

May the blessing of God  
who births possibility  
in the Bethlehem night  
Be with us.

May the blessing of God  
who whispers to us  
in our dreams  
Be with us.

Now and Forever.

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