

## Celebrating the Ordinary

*Three weeks into the new year, we were already feeling a little jaded! Following the life of Jesus after Epiphany we were looking at the very ordinary story of the twelve year old's visit to the Temple. We speculated that this might have been his Bar-Mitzvah. On the other hand we didn't really know and decided just to celebrate the ordinariness of the story - and the ordinariness of our lives.*

**Come, let us celebrate the feast  
of an ordinary day, nothing special in the least.**

We rejoice today  
because today is ordinary.  
Today is another day,  
gifted by God.  
A day for working  
A day for resting  
A day for playing  
A day for learning.

**Come, let us celebrate the feast  
of an ordinary day, nothing special in the least.**

We rejoice today  
because today is not yesterday.  
Today is another day,  
gifted by God.  
A day for forgetting  
A day for forgiving  
A day for completing  
A day for moving on.

**Come, let us celebrate the feast  
of an ordinary day, nothing special in the least.**

We rejoice today  
because today is not tomorrow  
Today is another day,  
gifted by God.  
A day for hoping  
A day for waiting  
A day for watching  
A day for anticipating.

**Come, let us celebrate the feast  
of an ordinary day, nothing special in the least.**

*[Pause]*

Daily God,  
Forgive us when we rush too quickly to get to tomorrow.  
Forgive us when we cling too firmly to the past.  
Forgive us when we don't appreciate today for what it is  
The precious gift of life.

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