



A Creative Advent Resource: What Are You Going to Create and Who Are You Going to Share it With?

**THREE
QUESTIONS
FOR
REFLECTION
&
DISCUSSION:**

- I. What passage of scripture brings a lump to your throat or a tear to your eye?**
Talk to God about how you might craft a creative response to that passage. When you're ready, give it a shot and share it with someone.

- II. What gets in the way of expressing your creativity?**

- III. Is there a creative activity that you once enjoyed but have set aside for a long time? Did you lose interest or get distracted? Suffer rejection? Is it time to find joy in that activity again or find a new one?**

Suggested Reading/Viewing/Listening:

Coracle Resources

- [“Joseph Speaks”](#) by Rick Mastroianni
- [Deliverer, Delivered](#) by Kate Harris
- [Lectio Divina](#) with Kayla Allen
- [An Introduction to Visio Divina](#) with Rev. Mary Gardner
- [Spiritual Formation and Poetry](#) with Karen Curry
- [Why Coracle Takes Stories So Seriously](#) By Drew Masterson

Other Organizations to Explore

[The Advent Project](#)

Biola University - Center for Christianity, Culture and the Arts

A daily online devotional that incorporates scripture, visual art, music, poetry and reflections to mark the Advent season. Biola also produces a comparable Lent devotional.

[Art House America](#)

A blog devoted to promoting a vision of a seamless life of Christian discipleship and imaginative living.

[Art in the Christian Tradition](#)

Vanderbilt University

“The *Art in the Christian Tradition* (ACT) database is a regularly updated visual image internet resource. Designed for scholars, students, pastors, and religious educators, all of the images may be used for non-commercial purposes, with attribution. There are currently 6040 images in the collection.”

[Christians in the Visual Arts \(CIVA\)](#)

A membership organization of artists who are “called to creative work, devoted to the church, and present in culture.”

[Duke Initiatives in Theology & the Arts](#)

An organization devoted to helping foster a mutually strengthening relationship between theology and the arts.

[Fuller Seminary’s Brehm Center](#)

A place of meeting and integration between artists, scholars, ministry leaders, and culture-makers.

[Institute for Theology, Imagination and the Arts’ *Transpositions* Journal](#)

An outgrowth of St. Andrews Divinity School, *Transpositions* offers an ever-growing collection of high-quality articles and reviews focused on the intersections between faith and the imagination.

Conversations from [The Trinity Forum](#)

Malcolm Guite

[Upcoming: A Conversation with Malcolm Guite: Waiting on the Word,](#)

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Poet Laureate Dana Gioia

[“Poetry & Beauty in Solitude”](#)

[“Poetry, Imagination, and Spiritual Formation”](#)

[“Poetry, Prayer, and Passion”](#)

[“Why Beauty Matters: The Significance of Beauty in Art, Faith, and Politics”](#)

[“Why Poetry Matters”](#)

Visual Artist Makoto Fujumura

[“Culture Care: Mending to Make New”](#)

[“Culture Care in a Fragmented World”](#)

[“Beauty as an Anecdote to Cultural Brokenness”](#)

[“On Culture Care”](#)

Author Karen Swallow Prior

[“On Reading Well: Finding the Good Life Through Great Books”](#)

[“On Reading in Quarantine”](#)

Keith & Kristyn Getty

[“Beauty, Music, and Spiritual Formation”](#)

Author & Professor Alan Jacobs

[“Crisis & Christian Humanism”](#)

Psychiatrist & Author Dr. Curt Thompson

[“Hope and Healing in Hard Times”](#)

Books

Begbie, Jeremy. [*A Peculiar Orthodoxy: Reflections on Theology and the Arts.*](#)

Buechner, Frederick. [*Telling the Truth: The Gospel as Tragedy, Comedy and Fairy Tale.*](#)

Crouch, Andy. [*Culture Making: Recovering Our Creative Calling.*](#)

Fujimura, Makoto. [*Culture Care: Reconnecting with Beauty for Our Common Life; Art + Faith: A Theology of Making.*](#)

Guite, Malcolm. [*Faith, Hope and Poetry: Theology and the Poetic Imagination;*](#)

[*Sounding the Seasons: Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year;*](#)

[*Waiting on the Word: A Poem a Day for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.*](#)

Williams, Jane. [*The Art of Advent: A Painting a Day from Advent to Epiphany.*](#)

Ordway, Holly. [*Apologetics and the Christian Imagination.*](#)