

a thrill of
HOPE

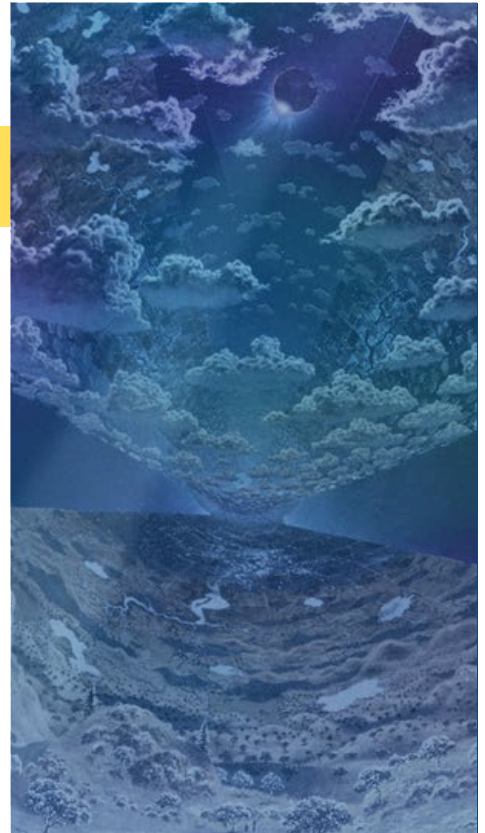
APOCALYPTIC
ADVENT
DEVOTIONS

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HOW THIS WORKS

AN INVITATION TO REFLECT

How you engage with this resource is completely up to you. Each of these three daily elements is meant to slow you down, to give you a chance to pause on the rich images and lyrical ideas, which will hopefully complement and deepen imagination and understanding of the Revelation texts.



ADVENT CHRISMONS

The images are hand drawn in the style of traditional Norwegian Chrismon patterns and are meant to be printed, cut out, colored or decorated, and added as ornaments to a Christmas tree throughout the season of Advent. *(scan the QR code for image files)*

CHRISMON FILES



IDEAS FOR USE

Use this in a small group setting or with friends and family. The images could be enlarged and printed for collaborative coloring wherever you find community. If you just need a playlist to accompany this time of waiting, you can hear all of the tracks in order on the Spotify playlist, [A Thrill of Hope](#), compiled by Nate Crary. *(scan the QR code for the link)*

MUSIC PLAYLIST



DECEMBER 01

THE CHRIST



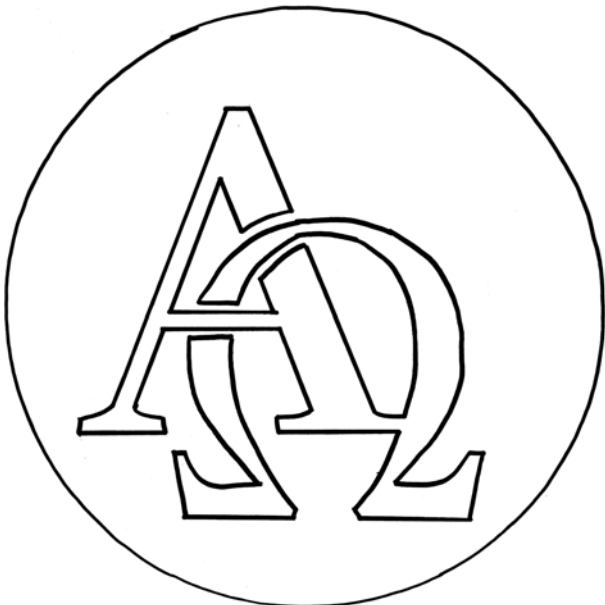
Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 1:1-7

Music: "Lonely Man of Winter"
by Sufjan Stevens, from *Lonely Man of Winter*

DECEMBER 02

THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA



Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 1:8

Music: "Death with Dignity"
by Sufjan Stevens, from
Carrie and Lowell

DECEMBER 03

THE HAND



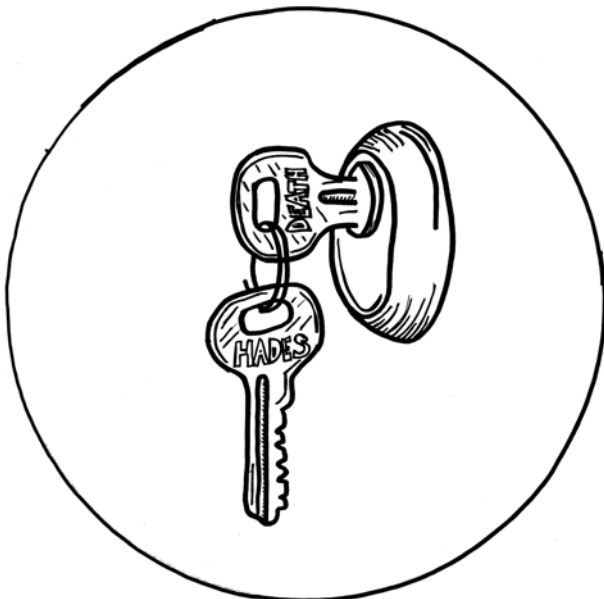
Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 1:16-20

Music: "The Child with the Star on His Head" by Sufjan Stevens, from *Silver and Gold*

DECEMBER 04

THE KEYS



Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 1:17-18

Music: "It's Your Own Body and Mind" by Sufjan Stevens and Angelo De Augustine, from *A Beginner's Mind*

DECEMBER 05

THE SWORD



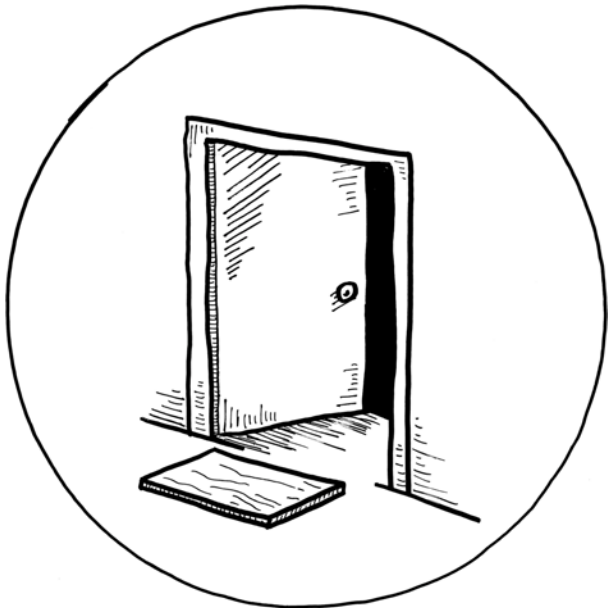
Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 2:13-17

Music: "Justice Delivers Its Gift"
by Sufjan Stevens, from *Silver and Gold*

DECEMBER 06

THE OPEN DOOR



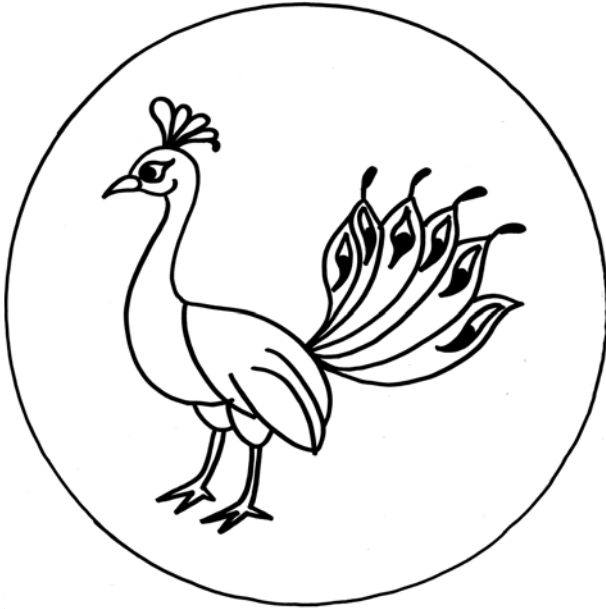
Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 3:8-13

Music: "Will Anybody Ever Love Me?" by Sufjan Stevens,
from *Javelin*

DECEMBER 07

THE LIVING CREATURES



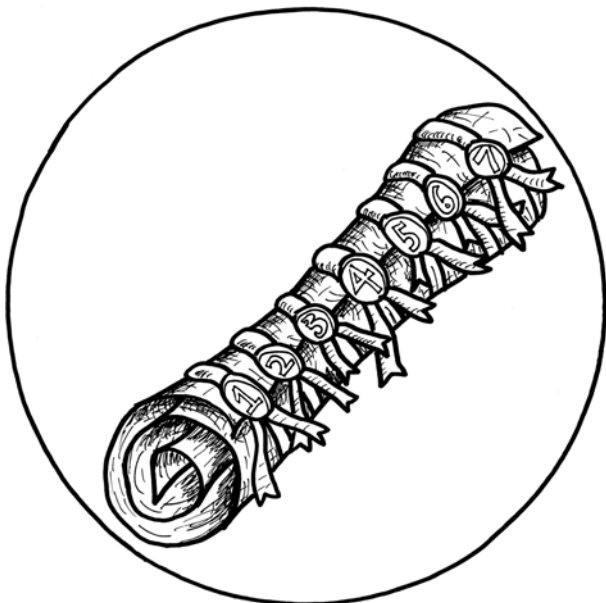
Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 4

Music: "Everything That Rises"
by Sufjan Stevens, from *Javelin*

DECEMBER 08

THE SCROLL



Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 5:1-5

Music: "The Only Thing" by
Sufjan Stevens, from *Carrie
and Lowell*

DECEMBER 09

THE LAMB



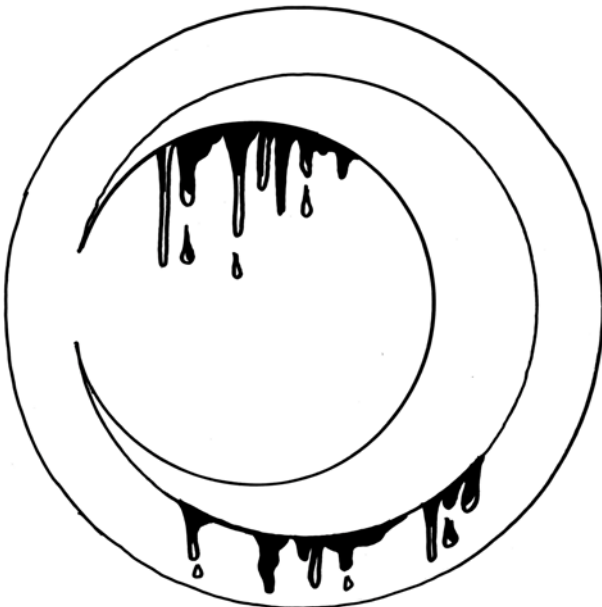
Scripture for Reflection:

Rev 5:6-14

Music: "Cimmerian Shade" by Sufjan Stevens and Angelo De Augustine, from *A Beginner's Mind*

DECEMBER 10

THE MOON



Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 6:12-17

Music: "Drawn to the Blood" by Sufjan Stevens, from *Carrie and Lowell*

DECEMBER 11

THE ANGELS



Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 7:11-13

Music: "The Midnight Clear" by Sufjan Stevens, from *Silver and Gold*

DECEMBER 12

THE TRUMPETS



Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 8

Music: "Seven Swans" by Sufjan Stevens, from *Seven Swans*

DECEMBER 13

THE INCENSE



Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 8:1-5

Music: "All the King's Horns" by Sufjan Stevens, from *Songs for Christmas*

DECEMBER 14

THE EAGLE



Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 8:13

Music: "Happy Birthday" by Sufjan Stevens, from *A Sun Came*

DECEMBER 15

THE LOCUSTS



Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 9:1-11

Music: "The Predatory Wasp of the Palisades Is Out to Get Us!" by Sufjan Stevens, from *Illinoise*

DECEMBER 16

THE LION



Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 10

Music: "My Rajneesh" by Sufjan Stevens, from *America*

DECEMBER 17

THE WOMAN



Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 12:1-2, 5-6

Music: “Christmas Woman” by Sufjan Stevens, from *Silver and Gold*

DECEMBER 18

THE DRAGON



Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 12

Music: “In the Devil’s Territory” by Sufjan Stevens, from *Seven Swans*

DECEMBER 19

THE BEAST



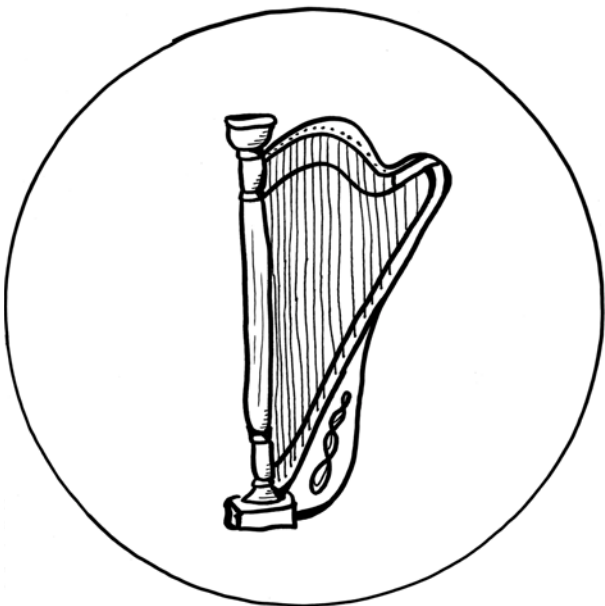
Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 13

Music: “The Friendly Beasts” by Sufjan Stevens, from *Songs for Christmas*

DECEMBER 20

THE HARP



Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 14:1-5

Music: “Futile Devices” by Sufjan Stevens, from *The Age of Adz*

DECEMBER 21

THE BOWLS



Scripture for Reflection:
Revelation 16

Music: “The Ascension” by
Sufjan Stevens, from *The
Ascension*

DECEMBER 22

THE SAINTS

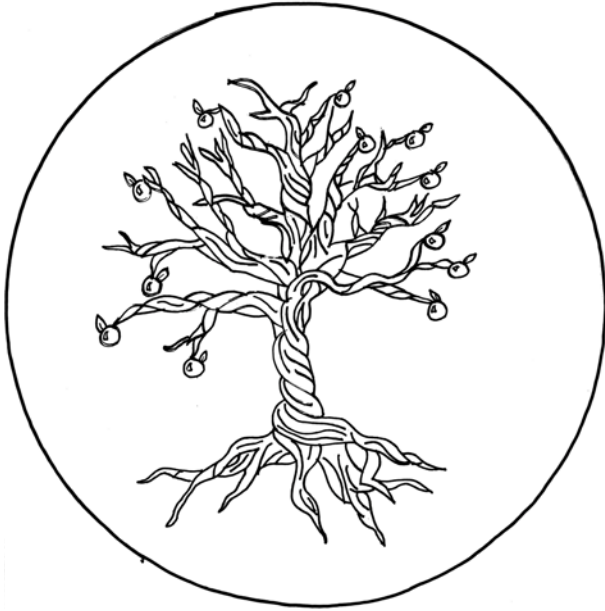


Scripture for Reflection:
Revelation 19

Music: “He Woke Me Up
Again” by Sufjan Stevens,
from *Seven Swans*

DECEMBER 23

THE TREE



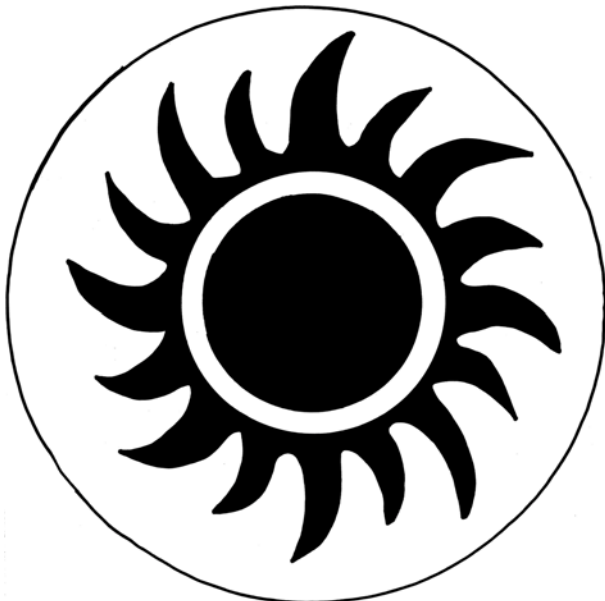
Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 22

Music: "All the Trees of the Field Will Clap Their Hands" by Sufjan Stevens, from *Seven Swans*

DECEMBER 24

THE MORNING STAR



Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 22:16

Music: "Star of Wonder" by Sufjan Stevens, from *Songs for Christmas*

DECEMBER 25

THE ROOT



Scripture for Reflection:

Revelation 22:16

Music: “The Seer’s Tower” by Sufjan Stevens, from Illinoise

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