

With Heart and Mind: Worshipping God Together



Photo: Friday night worship at Taize

We think of the Body of Christ as having a heart, and that heart is love...and yet we, even seeking to know the mind of Christ, often leave the gift of intellectual curiosity at the door of the church...

(Icon: Christ the Teacher, by Vladislav Andrejev)





The mind of Christ...may be revealed even in the world around us...

(Painting by Gerhard Richter)



Jesus said, "I have many things to tell you...when the Comforter, the spirit of Truth, is come, who proceeds from the Father, whom the Father will send in my name, then he will teach you all things."
(Icon by Andrei Rublev)



How should we study if we remembered that study is worship?

Under the wise guidance of God's mind, we can see that in Him everything lives and moves and has its being and our worship can take God as its one and only worthy object.

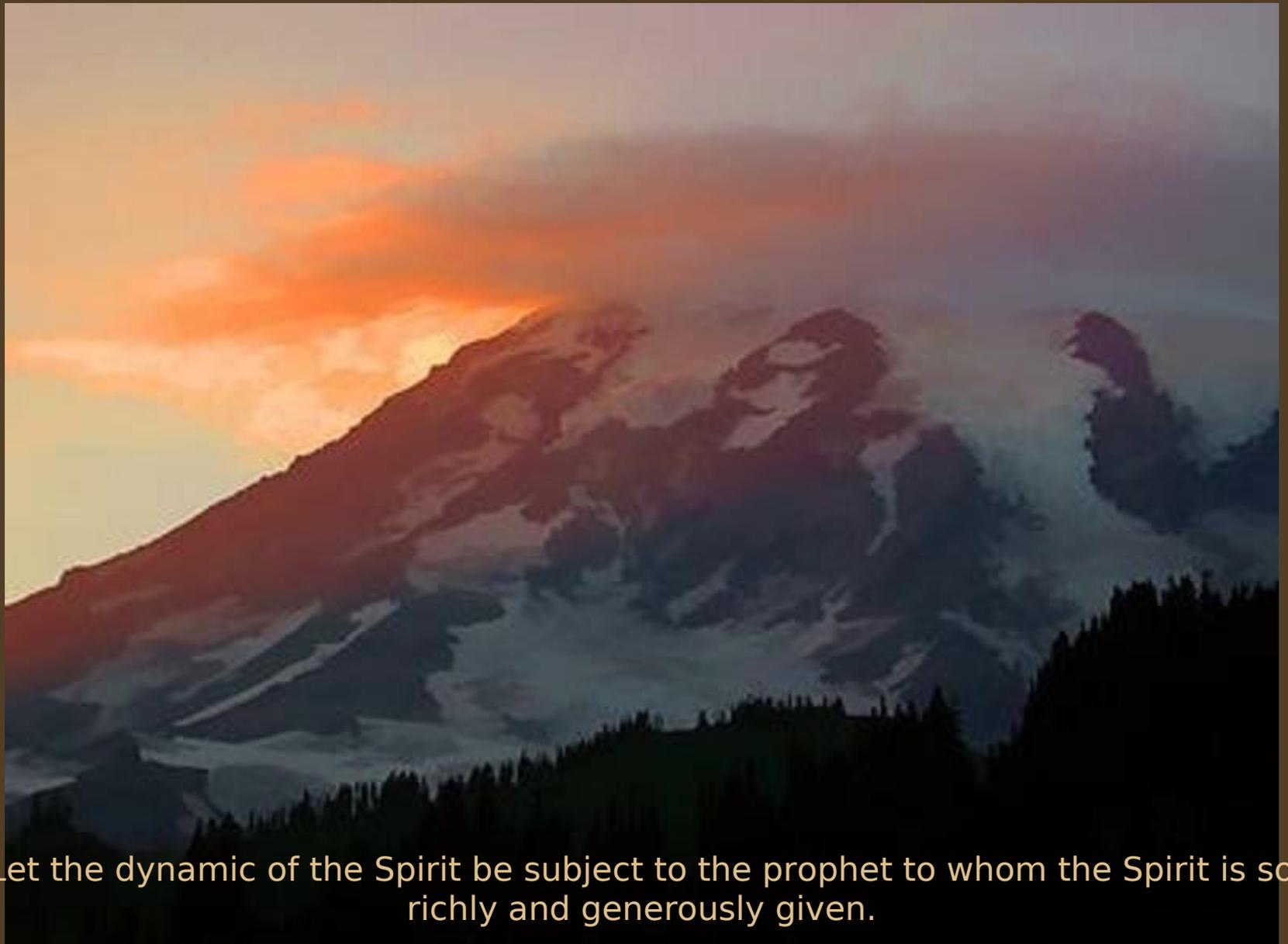


The artwork beautifying our houses of worship could be full of profound Christian symbolism and brilliant with the jewel-like colors of the Kingdom.

Poetry is the language of prophets. The parables are the poetry of the Author of Life.

(The Prodigal Son, Rembrandt)





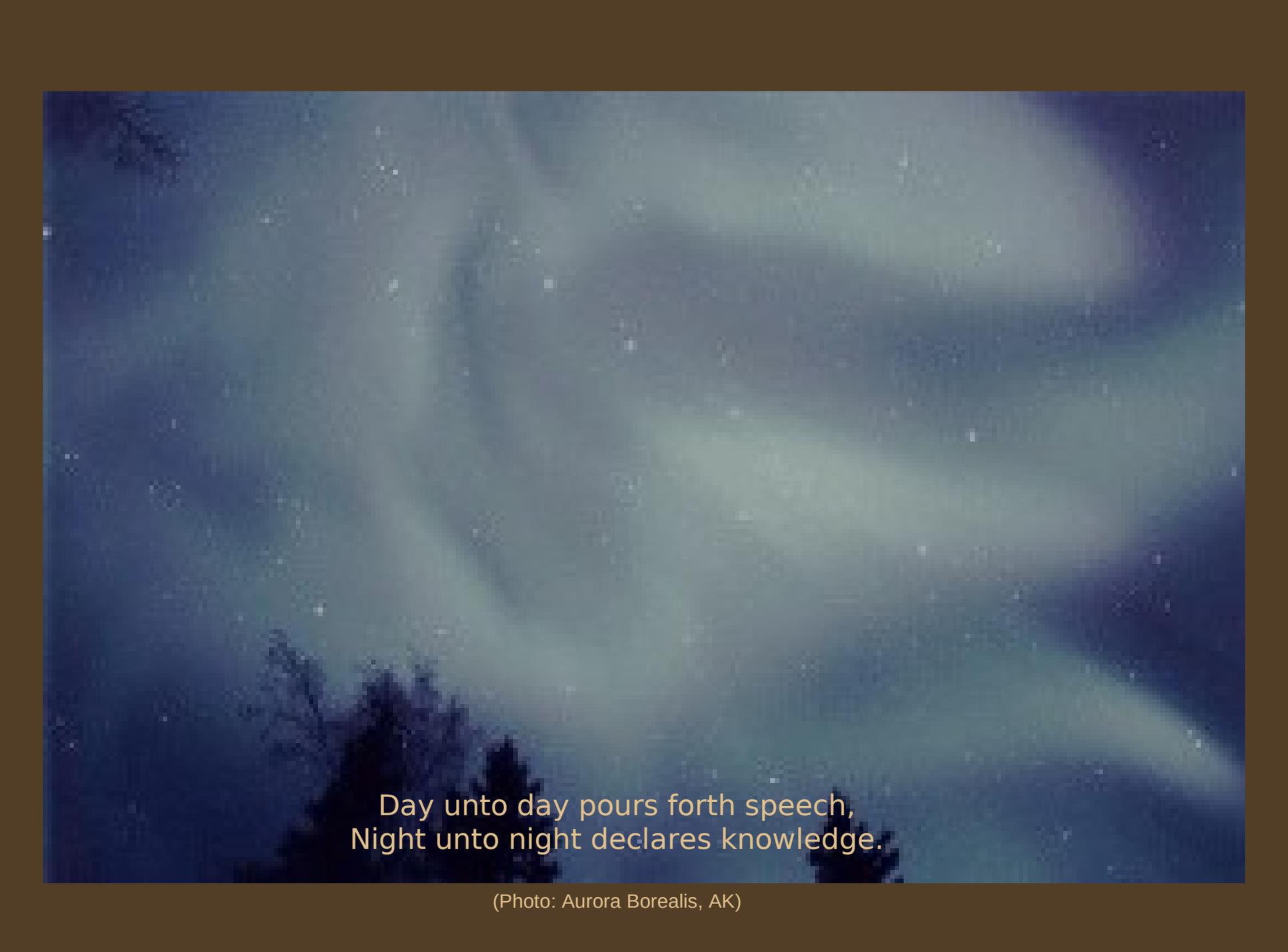
Let the dynamic of the Spirit be subject to the prophet to whom the Spirit is so richly and generously given.

(Photo: J. Sigrist)



Before we write poetry, we should listen to the musical poetry of nature and the Psalms.

(Photo by J. Sigrist)



Day unto day pours forth speech,
Night unto night declares knowledge.

(Photo: Aurora Borealis, AK)



Before we present God with heartfelt worship music, we should study the heartfelt music of inspired composers and poets throughout the generations.

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Liturgy, the “work” of the people...is part of the great treasury of the Kingdom and it is a teacher.



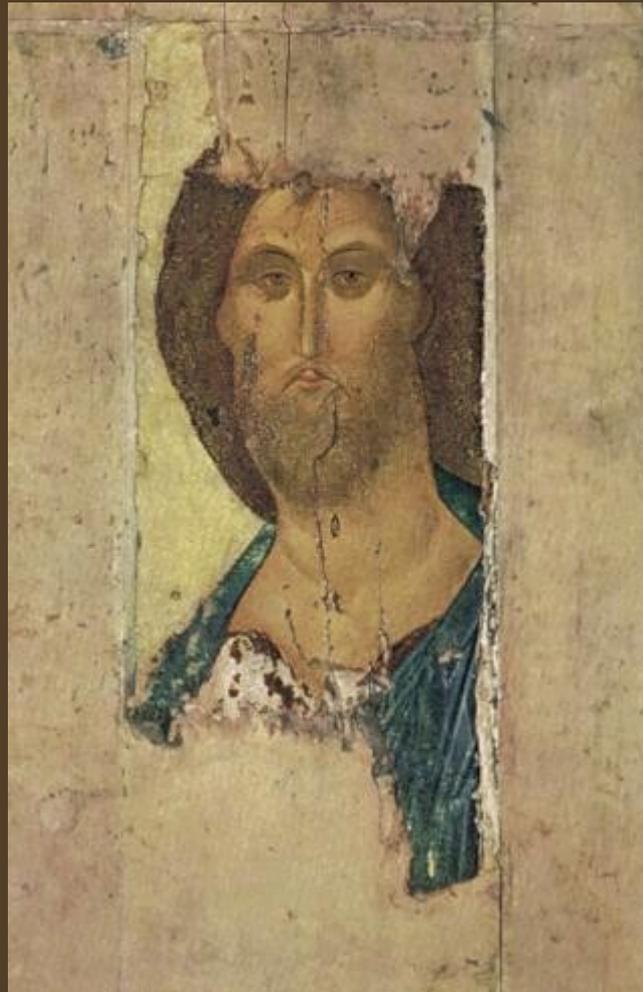
As members of Christ, we are partakers, corporately, in the mind of Christ.



What should we apprentice to? Everything...especially to those studies for which we have great love.



J.S. Bach wrote a dedication upon every piece of music, vocal and instrumental: "To the glory of God, and for the edification of my fellow man."
Both aims--glorifying God and edifying women and men--are worship.



Icon: The Christ of Peace, Andrei Rublev

The Lord bless you and keep
you.

The Lord lift up the light of His
countenance upon you
and give you
peace.

In Him, you are the light of the
world.