



Thriving Where You Are Planted

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It was a little hard to get my mind around our Advent theme of "Celebrating Home," but I did make a good faith effort. I often feel in flux and the thing that resonates most with me in the grounding that comes in liminal space is that it is my nature to be always moving, always in transition.

I always envy folks who own their own home, families and communities who go back generations and seem to have a sense of Place acknowledging the land and sanctuary. Home is where the heart is; and transitions and transformation seem to be the watch word for the season.



My friends and family offer that I am easily distracted and that I seem to thrive when I move around a lot. Thoughts and ideas floating with possibilities. My mother, who always kept a paper address book, used to comment that she would always allow a full page or so for my various name and address changes. She would smile, but it kinda hurt my feelings, as if I lacked roots or the ability to sustain or put down roots. As if that was what I wanted.

Of course, older and wiser now, I can see things differently. I am “called” to do things. Go places, see things, help out, get into trouble: good and bad. These qualities must be a welcome and necessary part of who I am, so I might as well try to see that divine characteristic a bit differently this season with a customary bit of grace and compassion.

My new look is “Transformational Newness.” Celebrating my spiritual home may not include an actual physical space, at least not for long.

My new celestial quality is that I can indeed thrive and blossom wherever I am planted. Soil, temperature, conditions, grace, preparation, timing — and most of all, love — are the deciding and determining factors in the success of my ability to make good with what’s in store for me. Is that not the promise of the Advent season?

Thank goodness, I have the God-given ability to blossom and thrive wherever I go.

Advent Scripture Reference Lectionary
[Psalm 146:5-10](#); [Ruth 1:6-18](#); [2 Peter 3:1-10](#)

Advent Hymn Reflection
“**[Once in Royal David's City](#)”
performed by Jonathan Antoine and Charlotte Jaconelli (from
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