



Words for Wondering

An Advent to Epiphany Course from the
Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

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Equity



Scripture: **Isaiah 11:4-6**

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

Reflection

Equity means the quality of being fair and just, especially in a way that takes account of and seeks to address existing inequalities. Our passage from Isaiah speaks of the Messiah judging the poor and the gentle, quiet (the meek) with equity and righteousness. Another Prophet - Micah summarised God's core requirements for humanity: to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8). What does that mean for you as you seek equity and to challenge unjust systems in accordance with your Baptismal promises this Advent?

To Listen

Anthem VI "Righteousness and equity are the habitation of your seat..." by G.F. Handel.