

Scripture Passages

- John 6: 52-69
- Mark 10: 17-22
- Luke 1: 1-20
- Luke 1: 26-38
- Luke 2: 22-38



For Presence

John O'Donohue

Awaken to the mystery of being here
and enter the quiet immensity of your own presence.

Have joy and peace in the temple of your senses.

Receive encouragement when new frontiers beckon.

Respond to the call of your gift and the courage to follow its path.

Let the flame of anger free you of all falsity.

May warmth of heart keep your presence aflame.

May anxiety never linger about you.

May your outer dignity mirror an inner dignity of soul.

Take time to celebrate the quiet miracles that seek no attention.

Be consoled in the secret symmetry of your soul.

May you experience each day as a sacred gift woven around the heart
of wonder.

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Covenant

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God knocks at my door seeking a home for his son.

Rent is cheap, I say.

I don't want to rent. I want to buy, says God.

I'm not sure I want to sell,
but you might come in and look around.

I think I will, says God.

I might let you have a room or two.

I like it, says God. I'll take the two.
You might decide to give me more some day.

I can wait, says God.

I'd like to give you more,
but it's a bit difficult. I need some space for me.

I know, says God, but I'll wait. I like what I see.

Hm, maybe I can let you have another room.

I really don't need that much.

Thanks, says God, I'll take it. I like what I see.

I'd like to give you the whole house but I'm not sure...

Think on it, says God. I wouldn't put you out.
Your house would be mine and my son would live in it.
You'd have more space than you'd ever had before.

I don't understand at all.

I know, says God, but I can't tell you about that.

You'll have to discover it for yourself.

That can only happen if you let me have the whole house.

A bit risky, I say.

Yes, says God, but try me.

I'm not sure – I'll let you know.

I can wait, says God, I like what I see.

Reflection Questions

1. What room in the house of my life is the Lord asking of me?
2. Who is a mature disciple—a water purifier in my life?
3. Who is a person of blessing in my life?
4. Who are we looking at that we are imitating?
5. What am I grateful for in my life?