

## Thought for the Day – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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### The work of Christmas

So, the Magi have now arrived (yesterday), and although the Christmas season continues until the end of January, in terms of the familiar Nativity scene, everything is now complete. And so, as Howard Thurman says in his poem below, the work of Christmas now begins

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among others,  
To make music in the heart.  
- Howard Thurman

### **Bible Verses:**

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.  
- Luke 4:18

**Bible Passage:** [Luke 4:14-21](#)