

## Thought for the Day – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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### Malcolm Guite from Reflections for Daily Prayer

#### Emmanuel

I was pleased when I found that Malcolm was writing the reflections for daily prayer I have been reading recently.

I was struck by his thoughts on Emmanuel where he linked the last words of Jesus, “Remember I am with you always” to “They shall name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us.”

He shares a poem he wrote in Parable and Paradox (Canterbury Press).

Your final words fulfil your ancient name,  
A promise hidden in Emmanuel,  
A promise that can never fade or fail;  
I will be with you till the end of time;  
I will be with you when you scale the height,  
And with you when you fall to earth again,  
With you when you flourish in the light,  
And with you through the shadow and the pain.  
Our God with us, you leave and yet remain  
Risen and hidden with us everywhere;  
Hidden and flowing in the wine we share,  
Broken and hidden in the groing grain,  
Be with us till we know we are forgiven,  
Be with us here till we are with you in heaven.

It is good to know that Jesus is with us always. It is good to share in worship with our friends at Emmanuel.