

## Thought for the day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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Malcolm Guite Like unto Leaven

Bread making in is popular – I love the smell of baking bread (it takes me back). Malcolm has a different take on a parable. It comes from Parable and Paradox.

‘The kingdom is like leaven in the grain.’  
A woman knows the secret of this word  
For she has nursed the rising life within  
The nine-month-hidden miracle of God.  
Our Lady took and hid the precious leaven,  
A secret ferment working in the dark,  
For even there within her inner haven  
Our Lord began in us his own good work,  
And earth was leavened with the grace of heaven,  
That raises us to life, body and soul.  
In Bethlehem the staff of life lay hidden,  
The only broken thing that makes us whole.  
The mystery whereby the world is fed.  
For Bethlehem itself means ‘House of Bread’.  
From Parable and Paradox Canterbury Press

Matthew 13.33 Another parable spake he unto them “The Kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.”