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FIRST UNITED CHURCH.THE DAY OF THE LORD

Very close to the surface
 if very hidden in a great many people.
 - perhaps all of us.

Dread of Christmas :-

I Don't suggest, reject everything about it,
 not mentioning us
 - gets mentioned - you too?
 non proper attitude,
 alienated $\rightarrow$ cheerfulness -

One year :- U. Hill U.C. faculty, students, staff Union College
 - Christmas Carol Sing -
 - Cheered on & rounded up sing all those happy
 carols

ALIENATED -

Solo - Magnificent BASS:-

Resilience - "The Lord whom you seek -
 shall suddenly come" - - - -

Solo - But who may abide the day of his coming.

Once I recognized that that was the kind of
DAY we were celebrating -
 I was able to join the carol singing
 with enthusiasm.

THE DAY OF THE LORD : IS A CENTRAL &
 LONG STANDING THEME IN
 THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL
 REVEALING - PEOPLE'S UNDERSTANDING OF GOD

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BIBLE DAYS - GOD VISITED HIS PEOPLE
MEETING GOD -

DOS GOD VISIT PEOPLE NOW?

HOW WOULD YOU RECOGNIZE?

WHAT WOULD IT BE LIKE?

WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN?

HOW WOULD YOU FEEL?

Got a pretty good idea of what it was at time
of AMOS Preaching → Religious practice.

Part of a Central Annual Festival:-

Winter Solstice:-

King + God identified:-

Dies - God down to (claim underworld)

Sought for 3 days - Mother
hovers.

3rd Day Return →

Returned - how
thrive!

Proclaimed covenant for
Levites

Purpose of these Religious Practices

ensure Fertility of Flocks, Fidelity, Virgins

- i.e. ensure economic wellbeing
reinforce confidence in the realm.

Day of the Lord - Day the absent King - God Returned
all the anxieties and uncertainties of the realm
gathered up & expressed longing for the Lord's
return during his 3 day disappearance.

AMOS COMES PREACHING:

This thing you are all longing for -
Darkness & not light.

- Come-uppance →

no trustworthiness between citizens,
exploitative economy - Rich get wealthier
at expense of poor
+ Family Breaks down
+ Poorer not getting justice

I despise your Feasts & assemblies
 won't look at your Sacrifices —
 - let justice roll down like waters
 & Righteousness like a powerful Stream.

Religious practices of a purely Celtic nature
 will not restore the national economy
 or the strength of the Nation.

— trustworthiness between citizens,
 non-exploiting economy
 strength of families.
 justice to powerless. —

DARKNESS → Come up and on all that ↑

+ Theme God's Faithfulness. Doesn't wipe out his people
 whom he loves he chastens —

+ WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS
 & BEARS SIN OF THE WORLD.

DAY OF LORD

BUMP DOWN ON REALITY;
 ENCOUNTER HIM - NEE - WHOMSOEVER
 with whom we have to do
 not - not someone we can do.
 manipulate.
 manage.

MEASURING - COME-UPPANCE - From this kind of
 operation - this follows —

A. Putting it all together - putting right
 4. every other construction threatened
 { congruence
 comprehension
 meaning & ordering.

Risk - anything I tried in

One Hidden & I identified - heart, poor, dispossessed.
 revelation all that I close my heart to
 in order to stay in one piece.

One who bears the sins of the world.

1. His Mark on him

2. All sinners & Herib's father waded with him.
 Love itself, in human form, for him of me become.
 I cannot look upon his face - For shame for
 better shame. -

WHO MAY ABIDE THE DAY OF HIS COMING

One hand - You who long for Day of Lord - Darkness not light
 light come into it soon - perceived by not
 profound darkness to light.

Once we GIMPSE

{ THAT kind of wheeliness
 THAT fashion of getting put right.
 THAT kind of wheeliness
 THAT size of heart
 Bumped down to that kind of reality.

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start to know: a new meaning to gladness.

Now
NEW KIND { Reeling Merry
Joy in the world
Glorious to God. } New - SURPASSING
QUANTITY

IF that's what it's like to encounter
God.

It's not a state you can uphold
anyway.

It's a state you are to be upheld in.