**Contemplative Service for Wednesday,**

**April 17, 2024**



*Painting by Egon Schiele*

**First reading**: Deuteronomy 33:14

Month by month, your fruit will ripen in the sunshine.

**Music:** “Here Comes the Sun” by the Beatles, performed by The Petersens

<https://www>.youtube.com/watch?v=DF5emO1X0HA

**Second reading**: by e.e. cummings

I thank You God for most this amazing  
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees  
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything  
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(I who have died am alive again today,  
and this is the sun’s birthday; this is the birth  
day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay  
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing  
breathing any—lifted from the no  
of all nothing—human merely being  
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and  
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

**Music:** “Sesame Street” performed by Joshua Radin

<https://www>.youtube.com/watch?v=BLj5OusE2h8

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| —danez smith |

**Communal Blessing**

God of Morning, Day, and Night,

We wake in mist and dew, stiff of limb and unfocussed. Slowly, your light warms us and brings us into your embrace. We become supple in your rhythms. We pray to move with you, into you—through awakening into broad daylight. Even the velvet comforts of your night sharpen our awareness of your glow as the moon brings its gravitational massage to the earth. We wax and wane, lunar, in the constancy of your brightness. Amen.

**Music:** “Good Day Sunshine” by the Beatles

<https://www>.youtube.com/watch?v=R9ncBUcInTM

*May the Holy One make your darkness to be bright.*

