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BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES*

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Blessed in the name of Adonai is the one who comes—*It is the Creator who has bestowed the fullness of blessing on all that comes to life. Yet it is for us who are blessed to form the holy community that will enable the full realization of that blessing in ourselves, and to show lovingkindness to others so that they may join us in that fullness. We bless you from the house of Adonai*—*We are the builders of the house of Adonai, because we have been blessed with the tools; but it is our will and energy that draw the materials together to create the sanctuary for our service to God. We are bidden to build it at home, at work, at play, going back and forth, in the light and dark. Adonai is God who has given us light*—*The light shines upon us, with its myriad blessings and paths, but it is we who must open our own hearts to it and then create the openings for others so that together we may see the light of Torah and mitzvot.*

* Psalm 118:26-27