

**Monday, February 22, 2021**

**Isaiah 9:2. (New International Version)**

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

Theophane the Monk, ***Tales of a Magic Monastery***

*The Original Sound*

I asked an old monk, "How long have you been here?"

"Forever," he answered.

I smiled. "Fifty years, Father?"

"Forever."

"Did you know St. Benedict?"

"We are novices together."

"Did you know Jesus?"

"He and I converse every day."

I threw away my sly smile, fell to my knees, and clutched his hand. "Father," I whispered, "Did you hear the original sound?"

"I am listening to the original sound."