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The God who speaks of joy

Gather around the Advent Wreath and light two of the purple candles and the rose candles

Have a moment of silence and then start with the prayer :

God of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells between us. God of hope, who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells between us. God of hope, who brought joy into this world, be the joy that dwells between us. God of hope, the rock we stand upon, be the centre, the focus of our lives always, and particularly this Advent time.

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 : The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

PRAYER

PRAY DIFFERENTLY

DECEMBER 11th

**Advent season
Week Three**

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Personal Reflection :

Are there parts of you that are broken?

In what ways would you like to be healed?

Who or what needs healing in your family or community?

Where do you find joy in your life and how might you share it?

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Concluding Prayer :

Lord God, you promised freedom to the Israelites and you kept your promise. You promised hope in the coming of your Son and he was good news for the world. You promise joy to each one of us and we pray for your continued faithfulness. Lord, we pray for strength to remain true to all you offer us. Fill us with confidence in your presence in our lives. Fill us with joy and peace. Amen

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