



"A Community Of Many Faithing Communities Where All Belong!"

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Welcome To Worship

December 13, 2020

9:30 a.m.

*Advent 2020:
Holy Mother, Hear My Prayer*



Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent

Preparing To Worship...



“The Great Mother continues to watch over her creation with love and care.”

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Advent 2020:

Holy Mother, Hear My Prayer

- ✧ Welcome and Community News
- ✧ Readyng Ourselves for Worship

*Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!
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Holy Ground!*

- ✧ Becoming Present to God and Each Other...Our Check-in:

How Are You As You Arrive...how is it with your spirit?

- ✧ Gathered as God's People: Embracing Holy Mother...*Our Advent Theme*
A Music Video [“Holy Mother, Hear Our Prayer”](#)

[Advent Candle Lighting: Lifting a Personal Prayer for This Time!](#)



Jay Paske

✧Opening Ourselves to God's Grace

✧Sharing Our Inner Most Lives with God

The prophet Isaiah says...“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me.” But Lord, I'm not feeling it. I'm tired...overwhelmed by the stressful spirit of this season!

*He says...*bring “good news” to others. But Lord, I'm not comfortable even talking to those others, let alone feel able to bring them good news...and what would that good news be?

He says...“proclaim the time has come” to save all people. But Lord, I don't have time for “all” people right now. We're getting ready for a very strange Christmas.

He says... “offer joy instead of gloom and a kind word instead of a faint spirit.” But Lord, I need that message myself. Who comes to proclaim good news to me?

Gracious Lord, surely as I sit here, I know Your spirit is upon me. You anoint me. I am Sacred. So...

Clothe me with garments of saving grace...that I may receive grace...and so offer grace to others.

Cover me with the robe of justice....so I can, with integrity, address issues of justice around me!

Cause a garden to *grow in me*. *Grow* my faith...like Christmas poinsettias!

Repair what is ruined in me so I can build myself up...and, be a part of the rebuilding of the community about which I care so deeply.

May I sense the Spirit within so I rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all things, and hold on to what is good. Holy Mother, please hold my hand. Holy Mother, You hear my prayer.

✧*You may wish to name with God how your life calls out for Christmas; or you may share how you see others in need of Christmas and ask for wisdom to begin to begin to proclaim good news to them; or you may simply invite Jesus to come sit beside you shining his healing light all around and through you.*

✧Bible's Wisdom Teachings...preceded by teaching on *The Thunder Perfect Mind*

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 The Thunder Perfect Mind 3:1-19

✧Prompting

Holy Mother, Hear My Prayer

“Think Mercy”

Rev. Karen Hagen



✧Special Music Video
✧Sharing Our Wisdom

✧ Affirming Our Faith with Intention

For some of us, we are able to freely lift these words. For others of us, these words capture our prayer. For all of us, grace is needed...*and grace abounds!* So, in faith, let us say:

Every
day that I live
becomes more meaningful,
more fulfilled, and, for me, much
more enriching. Time is too short, I've
discovered, so I honor all the tremendous
revelations of the love of God which life has
given me: amazing new insights, new visions, new
possibilities, new dimensions of human living, new
relationships with people around me, new depths of
concern...of agony, and of joy which make my life
--yes, I can truly say it—*so* deeply meaningful
that I'm eager when I go to bed at night to
awake the next morning and say, "It's
a new day, a new life, it's a new
experience of God and of
Humankind

✧ Community Prayers: Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

✧ Our Families Share of Their Christmas Traditions: The Zallar Family

✧ Honoring the Sustaining Financial Gifts of Our Faithing Community



✧ Special Slideshow of Theme Photos

✧ Benediction...*Becoming a Living Blessing*

How does this shared wisdom affect your Advent...your prayer?

✧ Our Response ...*Holy One, now we your servants go in peace. Your word lives on in us.*



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