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Welcome To Worship

<u>December 20, 2020</u> 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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Preparing To Worship...





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

Advent 2020:

Holy Mother, Hear My Prayer

♦ Gathering As God's People: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel by Joshua Aaron https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFoFOZmSIfY

Advent Candle Lighting: Lifting A Personal Prayer For This Time!



Jerry Watkins

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

God comes. We come. How Are You As You Come...how is it with your Advent Spirit?

♦Readying Ourselves for Worship

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

♦Opening Ourselves to God's Grace

♦Sharing Our Inner Most Lives with God

Lord, Joseph and Mary have dreams and angels and assurance from You. Oh that an angel clearly stood before me. Oh that I would feel assured You have a vision for my life...so I can, too!

Lord, angel or not, I am trying not to be afraid! It's a really scary, anxious world out there. And, I'm still a bit vague...or, is that thick headed? But with Your help, I am beginning to see my way through the choices I face. But not without doubt. Tell my Joseph and Mary had doubts too...but faith enough to embrace the unexpected. So...

Help me dream of things to come. To dream big! Help me find my purpose for this day let alone for a life time.

Grant me courage and serenity. Grant me the wisdom to know the difference between accepting what I cannot change and acting on the things I can. Help me embrace the fact that I am the one who ultimately chooses what is granted! I have at least this much insight as Christmas approaches.

May I sense Your support carrying me on angel's wings throughout each day and night....and so live in deep *hope with joy in peace and love.* This is my prayer. Lord, I ask it!

♦ You may wish to name with God a "challenge" or doubt you have today...an angel that you need; or you may share one of the magnificent ways you've received clarity this season; or you may simply invite Jesus to shine His healing light all around and through you.

♦ Bible's Wisdom Teachings... preceded by teaching on The Thunder Perfect Mind Mathew 1:18-25 Luke 1:26-45 The Thunder Perfect Mind 4-5

♦Prompting

Holy Mother, Hear My Prayer

"Dream On"

Thanks to Rev. Althea Washington for some lovely inspiration! Rev. Karen Hagen



♦Special Music Video ♦Sharing Our Wisdom

♦Affirming Our Faith With Intention

We still need angels and prophets, magnifiers of God's truth...need them to summon us back to our spiritual roots of wholeness and peace. Summon us to return to the land of our souls. And, deeply we know, within God's holy kingdom, we are all prophets. We are all to be magnifiers. We need each other's wisdom to summon each and all of us into Christmas!

Summoned to Christmas, we need to "see" what no eye can see, "go" where no foot can go, "choose" that which is not choice, "hear" what seemingly makes no sound—Holy Wisdom's Christmas voice. Ultimately, Christmas resounds as it is born in us!

With an expanding Christmas graciousness possible within us, we discover again the astonishing presence of God at the core of our being and our living of each day. As we journey into the heart of God ...we find our own heart of hope, peace, joy, and love.

Holy Mother hears our prayer!

- **♦ Community Prayers: Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**
- **♦Advent Caroling...first verses!** Find in chat: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" "My Soul Cries Out"...and songs of your choice, too!

♦Our Families Share of Their Christmas Traditions: The Becker Family

♦ Honoring the Sustaining Financial Gifts of Our Faithing Community



- **♦**Community Upcoming Events
- **♦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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