

Advent at the Table

A short & simple personal/family devotional resource for use during the season of Advent

Day #3 (Begin with prayer.)

All: O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, this is the day that You have made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! Thank You for bringing us together in worship today. Please bless our time with You and one another, and help us grow in Christian faith, community, and mission: All in the name of Jesus! Amen.

Leader: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

All: the light no darkness can overcome. (John 1)

Leader: Jesus, let Your light scatter the darkness

All: and shine in our hearts today! (2 Corinthians 4)

(Give light to the first candle on the Advent wreath.)

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118)

Leader: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,

All: the name of the Lord is to be praised. (Psalm 113)

Leader: You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,

All: a holy nation, God's special possession,

Leader: that you may declare the praises of Him

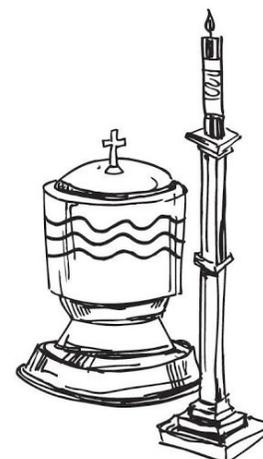
All: who called you out of darkness and into His wonderful light.

Leader: Once you were not a people,

All: but now you are the people of God;

Leader: once you had not received mercy,

All: but now you have received mercy. (1 Peter 2)

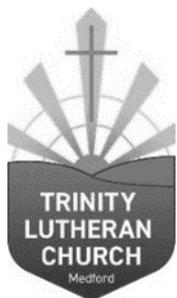


If you'd like, sing the following stanzas:

***The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices;
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.***

***Who is the King of Glory; how shall we call Him?
He is Emmanuel, the Promised of ages. (Chorus)***

***He gave His life for us, the Lamb of salvation,
He took upon Himself the sins of the nation. (Chorus)***

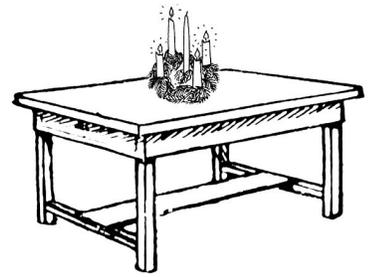


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Leader: Let's pray a blessing on God's Word:

All: Lord, thank You for the gift of grace that is Your Word. Help us to listen, learn, and grow. Holy Spirit, You are welcome here! Please accomplish Your work in us today and always. In Jesus' name. Amen.



From the Bible, read **Isaiah 11:1-10**. If in a family, try reading verse by verse.

Think/Talk About It

1. Do you have a favorite animal story? What is it and why is it your favorite?
2. In Isaiah 11:6-10, the prophet describes what's going to happen when Jesus comes back to this earth. Notice– what's going to happen to the animals?!
3. In Matthew 24:36, Jesus teaches us that none of us will know exactly when He's going to come back, but that we're supposed to "keep watch" (24:42). Think of how a pet waits for his owner to come home– Jesus tells us to be more like that! What's one way you can be more "watchful" for Jesus?

Take time to pray to the One who loves to hear you! Remember the 2 Best Prayers We Know: "Thank You..." and "Please help..." Start with those and fill in the rest from there. Then continue by praying:

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: God is good! **All: All the time!**
 Leader: And all the time - **All: God is good!**
 Leader: Go in peace. **All: Serve the Lord. Amen.**



PHILIPPIANS 4:4-8 SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION PROJECT:

Day #3: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

