



do justice • love tenderly • walk humbly with God Micah 6:8

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We begin all of our prayer in the presence of our loving Creator; because we are all created in the very image and likeness of God!

As a Christian community, we know this:

God is with us!

Daily reflection:

(Christmas Eve)

In the scriptures for the Christmas Vigil mass, we hear from Isaiah:

“For Zion’s sake I will not be silent,
for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet,
until her vindication shines forth like the dawn...

No more shall people call you ‘Forsaken,’
but you shall be called ‘My Delight,’
For the LORD delights in you.”

Daily decision for action...

God *is* with us! Our God delights in us!

On Christmas Eve: *anticipation, preparation, joy, and wonder* all swirl around us. Sometimes *sadness* and *wistfulness* join that swirling mix. Still, we can’t help but know that God is with us. We can feel it in the air. God delights in us!

Let’s take a few minutes today to just simply delight in God’s presence.

Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:

For the Church as we celebrate Christmas, that our own joy will show God’s love to the world.

For all nations in the world, for peace and respect among all people.

For expectant mothers, that they will safely deliver their child and be filled with the joy of motherhood.

For all of us, that we will spread the joy of the Incarnation to everyone we meet.

Blessing: *(the prayer of Aaron upon the people: Num. 6:23b–26)*

May the Lord bless you and keep you!

May the Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

And we say together with all of the people of God:

Amen!