



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:

(Luke 1:65-66)

The gospel in today's liturgy tells of the birth and naming of John the Baptist. His mother, Elizabeth, was thought to be barren. Yet here was this child who would grow up to be the herald of Christ's coming. We are told that the people were talking about the wonders surrounding this child's birth:

All who heard these things took them to heart, saying,
"What, then, will this child be?
For surely the hand of the Lord was with him."

Daily decision for action...

God was with Elizabeth and blessed her with a child. The hand of the Lord was with John the Baptist. The Spirit of the Lord was with Mary.

We are about to celebrate Christmas. Let's take a moment to remember that God is with us and that very presence calls us to share God's love with others.

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!