

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

3rd Sunday of Advent - Joy

Family:

Watch and wait for Christ's coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope. *(light the first candle)*

We light this candle for peace. *(light the second candle)*

We light this candle in joy! *(light the third candle)*

Rejoice! For our Lord is coming into the darkness of oppression's exile to lead us home, as we hear in Psalm 146:5-10.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

People:

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

Family:

The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

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People:

The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Family: Let us pray...

People:

O Lord, our redeemer, you lead us from languishing in sorrow's shadows into laughter's joy over your abundant restoration. Thank you that you are coming for us to lead us home along your Way, Jesus Christ. Amen.