

Call to Worship - Third Sunday of Advent, Cycle C
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As we continue our Advent prayer for Peace, we have the Peace Light from the Grotto at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the place of Jesus birth. Dave Roling will process in with the peace light and place it on the altar. After Mass votive candles lit from the Peace Light will be handed out. Use them at your Christmas celebrations.

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. We continue to make ready our hearts for the birth anew of Christ, the One we desire to follow, in our world today... What is it about Jesus that attracts you, attracts you enough to follow him?

Let us reflect on this in our time of quiet reflection, knowing that God rejoices in us as we open our hearts to him. Let us begin our meditation.....

With soft music in the background become aware of the way the music relaxes your mind...your spirit...becoming attentive to your surroundings, Closing your eyes if you are comfortable, turning your attention inward...becoming more aware of being in God's presence...of God's presence in you.....Ask yourself, What is it about Jesus that attracts me?....wait upon the answer...let it come from deep within....this is Jesus' invitation to you...as Jesus says to you... Be strong; fear not; I am with you...Know the warm embrace of My love... the healing effect of My strength, the tender touch of My comfort here in this sacred space ... be assured that I am with you each and every day...Rest for a moment in the quiet of your heart, with the assurance of God's word to you...

May this Advent be a time of our discovering anew the life-giving presence of Emmanuel – God-with-us.