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Home Devotional- December 27th- January 2nd

Introduction

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock

Psalms 147:12-20

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)

Ephesians 1:3-14

The will of God made known in Christ

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

God with us: the incarnation of the Word

Questions for Reflection (*Reflect on the scripture passages above and work through the following questions*)

1. What word or phrase stands out to you?
2. What do you hear God saying to you?
3. What does God want you to do in response to what you hear God saying?

Pray the Lord's Prayer Together

Bless one another saying:

May God bless you this week and always. AMEN