13 December 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF **ADVENT** 

Advent is a time for joy as we look to the birth of Jesus.

**Devotions** 

Daily Bible Readings

S	John 1:6-8, 19-28	John's witness to the light
М	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 1	Good news of deliverance
Т	Thessalonians 5:16-24	A call to rejoice
W	Luke 1:46b-55	Mary's song of praise
Т	Psalm 63:1-8	In God's presence I sing for joy
F	Acts 16:25-34	A jailer is filled with joy
S	Psalm 126	A people who dream
S	Luke 1:26-38	The birth of Jesus foretold

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions

# share your highs and lows of the

day, or respond to the following avestions:



What does it mean to be joyful? Tell about a time you were filled with joy.





Is there a difference between joy and happiness? Explain your answer.

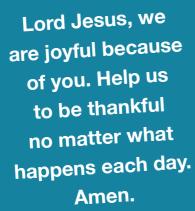


The apostle Paul tells Christians to be "joyful always".

> Why can all Christians be joyful?

How do we show our joy?

#### **PRAYER**



#### **BLESSING**

God is the God who gives peace. May he make you holy through and through.

## Creative Response

Advent is a time to slow down, savour and see things in the light of Christ.

Use or imagine a nativity set. Hold or imagine one piece of your nativity set each day.

Think what it was like to be that character in Bethlehem. What did that character see? Experience? Hear? How was that person changed? How are you changed?

Talk about your thoughts with family and friends.

Conclude by singing Away in a Manger.



### mealtime prayer

Lord God, you fill the hungry with good things. with all my heart I praise the Lord, and I am glad because of God my Saviour. Amen.

verse for the week Always be joyful, pray continually and give thanks whatever happens. That is What God wants for you in Christ Jesus. 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18



we show the joy that we have because of Jesus by putting others ahead of ourselves.

share your christmas joy with your neighbours by baking Christmas cookies for them. If possible, use icing to write the word "joy" on the cookies.



