

Thursday 10th December

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Readings

Psalm 145

Isaiah 41:13-20

Matthew 11:11-15

*O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
All dominions, bow before Him,
And extol our Lord and King.*

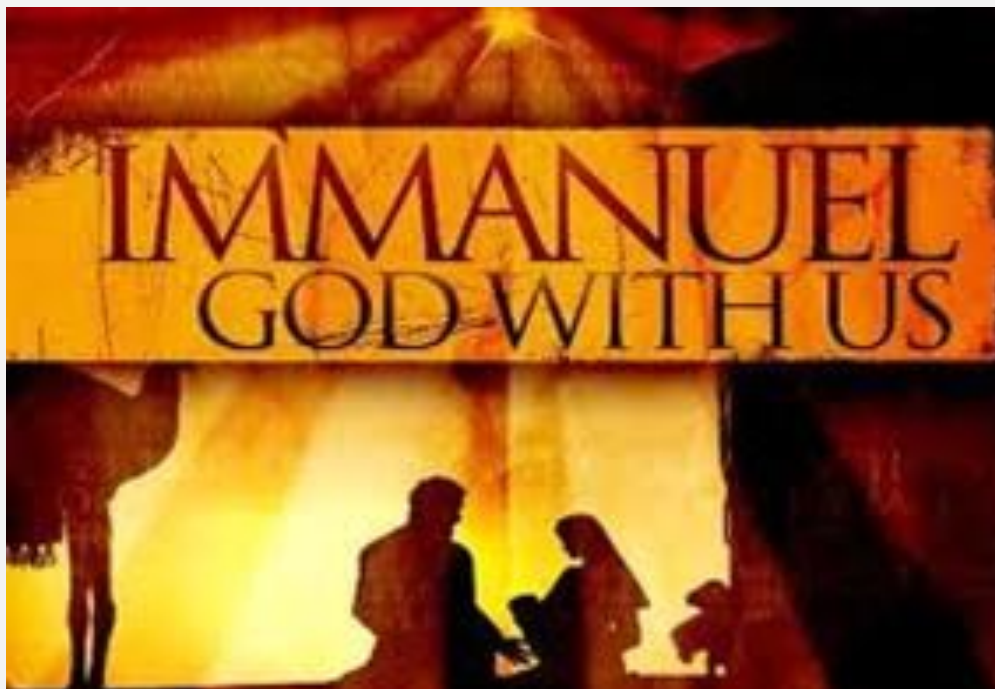
Our Advent hope is a God who comes near to us. We don't have to start from scratch in our search but build on the insights of others. Paula Gooder in her book about Advent says "Advent then calls us into a state of active waiting, a state that recognizes and embraces the glimmers of God's presence in the world. Most of all Advent summons us to the present moment, to a still yet active, tranquil yet steadfast commitment to the life we live now."

In advent we are in the in between times. Between looking back with the preparation for Christ's coming into our world as a baby. A looking forward to the second advent of Christ's coming again.

Jesus tells his disciples and the crowd that John had coming preaching to remind them of the words of the prophets who told them to prepare for the coming of the Messiah, but had they listened.

I remember my grandmother sometimes saying to me when I didn't respond quickly enough "it goes in one ear and out the other." Hearing is a very special gift. How many times have you heard something and thought "Oh I must tell so and so that" because we always want to share good things with someone special.

Advent reminds us that when we hear the good news, the good news of Jesus it is a gift we need to share.



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Of the Father's love begotten,

Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are and have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

By his word was all created;
He commanded and 'twas done;
Earth and sky and boundless ocean,
Universe of three in one,
All that sees the moon's soft radiance,
All that breathes beneath the sun,
Evermore and evermore.

This is He whom they in old time
Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word;
Now He shines, the long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord,
Evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
All dominions, bow before Him,
And extol our Lord and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore

Prayer

Lord, help us to listen.
Open our ears that we may hear your good news
and then help us to share it by the way we respond to the
people around us.

Amen

Of the Father's Love Begotten
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ofk2UM724TA>

We pray for all
who respond to your call to
follow you.

For those exhausted and weary
through service—give them rest.

For those ill and afraid—give
them peace.



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