

Advent to Epiphany liturgies Week 4 Advent 4, Sunday 24 December On the theme of Joy

A yellow candle is to be lit by the youngest capable-with-help child

God has blessed you more than any other woman! He has also blessed the child you will have. Why should the mother of my Lord come to me? As soon as I heard your greeting, my baby became happy and moved within me. The Lord has blessed you because you believed that He will keep his promise. (Luke 1.42-45)

We can very nearly see our destination now. It is almost Christmas and the youngest among us are bubbling with joy in anticipation.

• How can you bring a little joy into someone's life this week?

Let's take a moment to pray for those who are finding this journey difficult – and there are so many reasons why it might be so:

Where there is sadness, loneliness and grief

Let joy find a way in

Where families are far apart

Let joy find a way in

When one day seems as dreary as the next

Let joy find a way in

And let our joy be infectious as we journey together

Amen.

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