

December 13, 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent

*Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 * 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 * John 1:6-8, 19-28*

Rejoice always. – 1 Thess. 5:16

During this time of year, there are many things that can make us feel happy. We enjoy seeing friends and family. We may like looking at Christmas lights that decorate people's homes. The festive food that seems to be present everywhere is extra yummy. But today's scripture calls us to venture beyond "happy" into "rejoicing!" There are so many blessings around us that our joy should be abundant and directed to our God who gives us all good things! Let's share our great joy with those around us, so the light of Christ will shine during this Advent season and continue through the upcoming Christmas season.

Lord, thank you for the many blessings you give me every day of my life. Please help me remember to give you praise and thanks for these blessings.

Are there people you know who are sad at this time of year? Perhaps they are far away from family or they have lost a loved one. What can you do to give them a taste of the joy of the season?

