

Friday, December 22

Scripture Reading: Psalm 33:18-19

Text for Today: John 3:16-17 *For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.*

Gone is darkness! Light is given! Jesus is coming!

The hope of Christmas is not just the absence of despair; it is the presence of something greater, something only God can give. Hope is not passive; it is the most active force in the world because it is derived from the most powerful being of all – God. Through God’s amazing grace aspects of our lives can be made unbelievable better and more beautiful.

The long-awaited prophecy is fulfilled. A promise is kept. A new order of oneness and togetherness is come for all who have hope and faith. The change comes because we are loved and are asked to love each other.

Celebration and wonder fill our hearts as we joyously expect and trust in the realization of God’s promise of His son Jesus Christ coming to the world for all people, granting strength to face each day, salvation and life everlasting.

This Advent season may we accept with humility our weakness in needing Hope and know God’s covenants promise to sustain and change our lives. This Hope is insurance of what is expected, what is to come.

Our hungry hearts are seeking deliverance and grace through our hope fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Let our souls now be filled with gladness and empowerment.

Prayer: Gracious Lord, May we be assured that you are near, as we walk through these chaotic days. May we shine as lights through the darkness and share kindness and love for others. Our hope is revealed as Jesus took upon Himself the burden of our sin.

Hope! Believe! Receive!!

In Jesus' Holy name, Amen.

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Silent Night,

Holy Night