

Third Sunday of Advent, 15 December 2024

The Theme: What should we do?

SACRED SILENCE: (Indicated by a bell or gong)

A moment to go into the depth of your heart and be aware of the presence of the Holy Trinity.

Soft Music: O Come O Come Emmanuel

<https://youtu.be/C6uZGawVgJo>

Gaudete, rejoice! I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord.

With a feeling of joy, we light the third candle of Advent today.

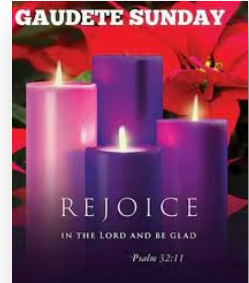
GOSPEL: Lk 3, 10 -18 “ WHAT SHOULD WE DO?”

While the call to joy is deeply inspiring and encouraging, the words of John the Baptist ‘**what should we do**’ echoes in our hearts as we reflect on the Gospel of today. He told them to turn away from the sins they struggled with the most and turn their eyes to the Messiah who was coming to them.

As religious missionary women, we too can ask ourselves, ‘what should we do’?

Our constitutions challenge us: “Filled with Zeal, we witness and proclaim the Gospel message of love, unity, peace and justice”. (C. 34)

“To be women who are bearers of hope to our sisters in the community, to those we serve in ministry, to the stranger and forgotten ones. Let us search for signs of hope in our everyday lives so that we can be beacons of hope to those around us. We need faith and courage to allow the grace of God to flourish and not be overwhelmed with darkness and pain. We are ‘Chosen in Christ’ to be women of hope who can be a transforming presence in our world. (*Message from Josephine Kane, Congregation Leader, EGC 2024*)



Advent nurtures hope...

our God is always reaching out towards us in love.

SACRED SILENCE AND SHARING

SONG: Ready the way – Bob Hurd (Attached file)

<https://youtu.be/eucMYVVOB4k>

Concluding prayer:

In joy and gladness, we give praise to you, O God, for you come to share life with us. Come and assist us to see your loving care in the midst of our daily struggles. May you continue to grant us peace and joy that surpasses all understanding. We ask these gifts in the mystery of our God, the Source of all life. Amen



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