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Liturgical Date: Year B, Advent 3, 17th December 2023

(There is an 'Advent Welcome' on the Music page).

Presenter: Rev Allison Forrest

Focus Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Message 6 minutes 40 seconds

"What would John do?"

Discussion Starters

- 1** How do you respond to the question "What would John do?"
- 2** How has Jesus entered the world of your own life?
- 3** How might your church, like John, point towards Jesus?
- 4** Where do you think the light of Jesus is most needed in your community?

Lectionary readings for the day

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 God has anointed the prophet to proclaim good news of release, favour, and justice to those who mourn or experience captivity and oppression. The Lord will act on behalf of the covenant community. The prophet responds to divine favour in joy.

Psalms 126 The psalmist remembers a time of rejoicing in God's acts for Zion, and implores God to act again on behalf of the community. God displays willingness to heal and restore.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Because God works in the community and within individuals (body, soul, and spirit) to sanctify, the church can rejoice, give thanks, pray, resist evil, and draw upon the Holy Spirit.

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All Age Message: Rev Allison Forrest

"JOY"

Length 3 minutes 10 seconds

Precis of AAM

There is a special word for every week of Advent. This week, the third week, the word is 'Joy'. The thought to remember all this week is from Thessalonians, "Always be joyful and never stop praying".

Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 126 on page 342

Rev Allison Forrest

I am a Deacon in placement at Toronto UCA, Lake Macquarie. Previously an early childhood teacher, mission worker, church and University administrator and have qualifications in English, education, philosophy and TESOL. I was planning to be a librarian when God changed my life by calling me into formation for ordained ministry! I love to learn and studying theology is definitely, my happy place! I also enjoy yoga, singing, knitting, bushwalking, cooking (especially for friends!), learning to become a gardener.