

12-28-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“The Christmas story itself centers the overlooked and the vulnerable, reminding us that love is found not in power, but in humility and in opening our hearts to others.

When we listen deeply to others, accompany them, and work for justice, we participate in the vital work of healing our community.”

Ann Marie Rosa



Luke 2:1-20

Questions for Reflection —

- What do you celebrate about your journey through Advent and the Christmas season this year? What part of the Christmas story is currently most meaningful to you for your spiritual journey? Is there a particular character with whom you especially identify at this point in your life? Why? What carol(s) speak most strongly to your heart? What would it mean for you to carry the song of Christmas in your heart through the year?
- When/where/how have you recognized the presence of Christ during the Christmas season this year? How has the love of God in Christ been born once again in our congregation this Christmas? How will you personally embody Christ in your interactions with others throughout the year? How will you be the presence of Christ for someone else this week? How will you keep your eyes open to recognize and tend to the presence of Jesus in others, especially in those who are vulnerable?
- What have been some of the blessings of 2025 for you? What were the challenges? What would you like to leave behind/let go of from the past year in order to have a fresh start? What will enable you to begin the New Year with a renewed sense of hope, energy, and purpose? In what ways is God calling you to change and grow? What spiritual practices will help you nurture and deepen your relationship with God in the upcoming year?

Daily Household Prayer

God of love, the Christ child is born among us. Give us faith to honor him, in all the ways he appears among us. Give us grace to tend to all who are small, tender, and vulnerable, for Christ is among them. Give us wisdom to tend to the small child within us, the infant Divine, who grows and strengthens, who blesses us from within. Open our eyes, God, to your presence. Amen.

(Steve Garnaas-Holmes, *Unfolding Light*)