

## Advent

### Week 4: An Altogether Joy

Luke 1:14

<sup>14</sup> You will have great joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth

Luke 1:20

<sup>20</sup> But now, since you didn't believe what I said, you will be silent and unable to speak until the child is born. For my words will certainly be fulfilled at the proper time."

Luke 1:44

<sup>44</sup> As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

Luke 6:22-23

<sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you,  
when they exclude you and insult you  
and reject your name as evil,  
because of the Son of Man.

<sup>23</sup> "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

### **"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." – Charles Wesley**

"Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled! Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Philippians 4:7

<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Psalms 30:1-5

- <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, Lord,  
for you lifted me out of the depths  
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.
- <sup>2</sup> Lord my God, I called to you for help,  
and you healed me.
- <sup>3</sup> You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead;  
you spared me from going down to the pit.
- <sup>4</sup> Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people;  
praise his holy name.
- <sup>5</sup> For his anger lasts only a moment,  
but his favor lasts a lifetime;  
weeping may stay for the night,  
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

“To define joy as present tense is to keep it fastened to time, and that doesn't feel completely right. It might be truer to say that joy is a flash of eternity that illuminates time.” - Christian Wiman