

## Advent Week 1

Advent: Latin for Waiting

Bernard of Clairvaux (Saint Bernard) - (1090-1153)

Christ's "threefold coming"

- to Bethlehem
- to our hearts today
- to the world in judgment.

Advent 2020 Theme: The Weary World Rejoices

### **O Holy Night**

French Poet: Placide Cappeau de Roquemaure

Poem: Cantique de Noel

Music Composer: Adolphe Charles Adams

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Luke 2:1

<sup>1</sup>At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire.

“A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices.”

“The entire world thrills with hope on this night that gives it a savior.”

‘Faith that can’t be tested, can’t be trusted.’

Lamentations 3:19-20

<sup>19</sup>The thought of my suffering and homelessness is bitter beyond words. <sup>20</sup>I will never forget this awful time, as I grieve over my loss.

Lamentations 3:21-23

<sup>21</sup>Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: <sup>22</sup>The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. <sup>23</sup>Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

Lamentations 3:24-26

<sup>24</sup>I say to myself, “The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!” <sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him. <sup>26</sup>So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the LORD.

### **A New Day**

#### **1. A new day with Christ brings exactly what you need.**

Lamentations 3:24

<sup>24</sup>I say to myself, “The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!”

#### **2. A new day with Christ brings us the hope to keep going.**

Lamentations 3:25

<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him.

Hebrews 10:23

<sup>23</sup>Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

**3. A new day with Christ, it brings the help that you're seeking.**

Lamentations 3:26

<sup>26</sup>So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the LORD.

Romans 13:11-12

<sup>11</sup>This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armor of right living.