



Emmanuel

God With Us

Gather... Light the Candle... Opening Prayer

Opening Song:

Prince of Peace Song: Peace Be Still

Scripture Reading

Psalm 29:11; John 14:27; Isaiah 9:8

Peace: God with us in the now

 For Presence 

Awaken to the mystery of being here and enter the quiet immensity of your own presence.

Have joy and peace in the temple of your senses.

Receive encouragement when new frontiers beckon.

Respond to the call of your gift and the courage to follow its path.

Let the flame of anger free you of all falsity.

May warmth of heart keep your presence aflame.

May anxiety never linger about you.

May your outer dignity mirror dignity of soul.

Take time to celebrate the quiet miracles that seek no attention.

Be consoled in the secret symmetry of your soul.

May you experience each day as a sacred gift woven around the heart of wonder.

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Notes

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Reflection

*Inhale... Emmanuel. Exhale... God with us.
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Meet Me Where I Am

Meet me where I am.
Not where you think I am,
Or where you want me to be.

Meet me in the place called acceptance.
The kind that greets the present moment
Without preconditions and what ifs.
The place where all are allowed to fully be.

Meet me in the place called forgiveness.
For wrongs done, some righted, others left deep scars over time.
Let release rain down like a cleansing storm...
The kind that leaves the pavement smelling sweet.

Accept me in the now.
Be fully present to me and I will be fully present to you,
Whether in the muck and mire or
savoring the fruit of a life well lived.
Meet me where I am



Advent continues... sometimes it feels hurried. Perhaps we've forgotten where we are. Take a few moments to consider where you are. Not where you want to be or where you should be... but where you are now... in this moment.

Read Luke 1: 26-38

Mary, found herself right where she was supposed to be. Surrounded in Presence in her present moment. God accepted her now... how is God accepting yours.