



JOY: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LEADER: Strengthen your hearts, brothers and sisters! For the coming of the Lord is near.

RESPONSE: Let us embrace joy, for joy is our strength. We will be glad in the Lord, and rejoice in God our Savior.

LEADER: God is doing great things! Even now, God is showing strength in God's arm, and scattering the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. God is bringing down the powerful from their thrones and lifting up the lowly. God is filling the hungry with good things. Rejoice!

RESPONSE: Let us embrace joy, for joy is our strength. We will be glad in the Lord, and rejoice in God our Savior.

LEADER: Open our eyes, Divine One, to see and to experience joy in *this* day. Give to us Your joy that it might overflow from our souls and spirits, even from our minds and bodies.

Light two purple candles and the pink candle.

ALL: We light a candle of joy today, joining with all of creation which is glad and which rejoices. Like the created world, we shall rejoice with joy and singing. And from joy we will have strength. Amen.