

O Radiant Dawn

Wednesday, December 24, 2014
4th Week of Advent



Zechariah, the father of John, filled with the Holy Spirit, uttered this prophecy: “Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel because he has visited and ransomed his people” (Luke 1: 67)

Wow! It's Christmas Eve and joy is in the air. The O Antiphon today is “O Radiant Dawn.” Our watching and wondering is about to come to completion. The Radiant One, Jesus, is upon us.

Joy is rising in us today and we are reminded in Zechariah's hymn that Jesus' tender compassion is shining on all of us especially those living in darkness because of depression, loneliness, poverty or near death. Jesus is our light. Jesus is the radiant dawn or star that is shining on us.

This is the wonder that we have been watching and waiting for these last few weeks, the wonder of Jesus.

Merry Christmas! May the light of Christ shine upon you and bring you great joy this Christmas.

Reflection:

Are you watching for Jesus' light to shine on you today?

Could you take some time to bring light to a friend who is sad, or go to a homeless shelter with some Christmas candy by the end of the day?

Prayer:

“O Radiant Dawn, come and shine on those who are sad, homeless, or near death.”

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