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Excerpts from “And the Word became (Mercy) and made his dwelling among us.”

John 1:4



The word becomes mercy as we prepare to celebrate once again Emmanuel: God-is-with us. Mercy in the here and now; in the struggle for justice and equality; as we go to the margins to learn from those we have rejected how to be forgiven. In the experience of most people, giving and receiving mercy is a humbling act of profound love. It is an action of God in the lives of the people as God intended it to be. Pope Francis writes:

“...”Mercy is a key word (in Scripture) that indicates God’s action towards us...the mercy of God is his loving concern for each of us. He feels responsible; that is, he desires our wellbeing and wants to see us happy, full of joy and peaceful. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other.” (Face of Mercy 9)

It is within this frame that we enter the Holy season of Advent. It is within Mercy: God-with-us, that we begin this pilgrimage as we wait and prepare for the Mercy of God to be born again. The story is ever ancient and ever new. Together we proclaim the ancient prayer: Marantha! Come, Lord Jesus!

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

“What if we provided healing and reconciliation rituals that took place on significant international remembrance days
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- 1 World Aids Day
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 18 International Migrants Day
- 20 Human Solidarity Day