



# Waiting with Hope

## Enlighten Advent Prayer Week 2

**Reader 1:**

*Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you. (Psalm 33:22)*

**Unison:**

*Remember your word to your servant,  
in which you have made me hope.  
(Psalm 119:49)*

**Reader 2:** Today we remember Isaiah, who accepted God's forgiveness and documented his messages.

*In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 And one called to another and said:*

*"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."*

*The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"*

*Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."*

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"  
And I said, "Here am I; send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-8)*

**Unison:**

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even as we hope in you. (Psalm 33:22)*

*Remember your word to your servant,  
in which you have made me hope.  
(Psalm 119:49)*

**Reader 3:**

*Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you, I will help you,  
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you. ((Isaiah 43:2)*

**Unison:**

***...The Lord himself will give you the sign.  
Look! The virgin will conceive a child!  
She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel  
(which means 'God is with us'). (Isaiah 7:14 NLT)***

**Reader 1:**

*For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel:  
In returning and rest you shall be saved;  
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. (Isaiah 30:13)*

**Unison:**

***He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep. (Isaiah 40:11)***

**Reader 2:**

Today we remember the wife of Isaiah. We do not know her name or her message, but we know she was a prophetess who shared God's words.

*The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
(Isaiah 55:8-11)*

**Unison:**

***For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel:  
In returning and rest you shall be saved;  
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. (Isaiah 30:15)***

**Reader 3:**

In this season of giving, we commemorate St. Nicholas, whose generosity has become a legend. May we, too, have generous hearts that serve the Lord by serving others.

*Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me. (Matthew 25:40)*

**Unison:**

***Oh, the joys of those who are kind to the poor!  
The Lord rescues them when they are in trouble. (Psalm 41:1 NLT)***

**Reader 1**

*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.  
(2 Corinthians 9:7-8)*

*For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.  
(2 Corinthians 9:10 NLT)*

**Unison:**

***Oh, the joys of those who are kind to the poor!  
The Lord rescues them when they are in trouble. (Psalm 41:1 NLT)***

**Reader 2:**

Immanuel,  
you are near us  
upholding us with your victorious right hand.  
We ask you to replace our fears  
with hope.  
We ask you to replace our guilt  
with your forgiveness.  
We ask you to speak to our hearts  
and give us a generous spirit  
to share your message  
and our resources.

**Unison:**

***Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you. (Psalm 33:22)***

***Remember your word to your servant,  
in which you have made me hope.***

***(Psalm 119:49)***

*God our Father,  
you spoke to the prophets of old  
of a Saviour who would bring peace.  
You helped them to spread the joyful message  
of his coming kingdom.  
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,  
to share with those around us  
the good news of your power and love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the Light who is coming into the world.*

*(Advent prayer, unknown source)*

