

Saturday the Fourth Week of Advent



*In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.”
Luke 1:78-79*

Dawn Breaks Upon Us

Dawn is my favorite time of day, and having just passed the winter solstice, it arrives at approximately 8:12 am CT these days.

This is Christmas Eve day, and into this night will break our remembrance of the dawning of the birth of God in human form. What a Surprise, what a Gift, that God would choose to walk among us witnessing how to live on this planet earth!!!

It is incredible that Jesus the Christ would be born as a babe without power and grow in wisdom, age and grace, as he spread his message of love through the diversity and inclusivity of his mission to bring forth the Reign of God.

At Avera, our sponsored ministry, we live out our mission by being inclusive in caring for persons of diverse cultures and life circumstances. In doing so, our deeds praise the Son of Justice in the words of today's O Antiphon, which is the Alleluia verse announcing today's Gospel Reading from Luke.

***Alleluia, alleluia.
O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.
Alleluia, alleluia.***

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