

AN ADVENT PRAYER

Creator God, by your word you made earth and sky, land and sea, fish and bird, plant and animal, and humankind.



We rejoice in your handiwork, O God.

Tender Shepherd, through the voice of prophets and the wisdom of poets, you show us paths of justice and mercy.

We rejoice in your guidance, O God.

Supreme Ruler, in your wisdom you used the power of Pharoah, Cyrus, and Herod to carry out your promises.

We rejoice in your strength, O God.

God of paradox, ignoring worldly ways, you called the weak – the boy David, the girl Mary – to work your will.

We rejoice in your wisdom, O God.

Faithful Healer, in the fullness of time, you sent your long-promised Son Jesus to reconcile all creation to yourself.

We rejoice in your salvation, O God.

Ever-present Comfort, you continue to walk with us, your children, in our fear, grief, sickness, hunger, and loneliness.

We rejoice in your gentleness, O God.

Good News Incarnate, for all the ways you show your love,

We give you joyful thanks, O God. Amen.