

THE SUNDAY PAPER ^{Year B} 3rd SUNDAY ^P in ADVENT

As we go through Advent, we remember the long years when God's people watched and waited and hoped for him to set them free. We read the great words of the PROPHETS, who told God's promises to his people.

GOD'S PROMISE OF LOVE

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

HERE IS ONE OF THE WONDERFUL PROPHECIES IN THE BOOK OF ISAIAH!



HE WILL REBUILD THE RUINED CITIES, AND RESTORE JUSTICE!

HE WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH HIS LOVE!

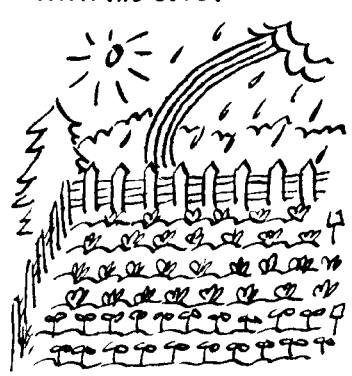
I WILL PRAISE THE LORD, I WILL REJOICE IN GOD, BECAUSE HE HAS PUT ON ME THE ROBES OF SALVATION, HE HAS DRESSED ME IN THE CLOTHES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS...



...LIKE A GARLAND ON A BRIDEGROOM...

...LIKE JEWELS ON A BRIDE!

GOD WILL MAKE JUSTICE AND HONOR GROW FOR HIS PEOPLE, LIKE A FRESH GROWING GARDEN!



EVERYONE WILL SEE HOW GOD HAS GIVEN US LIFE!

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The prophet told God's people that God was coming to be with them and bring them home and make them his own. He said that God had chosen him to tell this good news to the people. Many years later, John the Baptist said that the time had finally come, and God's chosen Savior was coming right now. When he came, Isaiah's promises would come true. God would live among us, and make us his own people, forever!

JOHN 1:6-8
"God sent John the Baptist, to spread the message about the True Light who was coming"

PSALM 126:1
"When the Lord set us free, we were like people in a dream"

1 THESSALONIANS 5:23
"May the God of peace make you holy till Jesus Christ comes again"