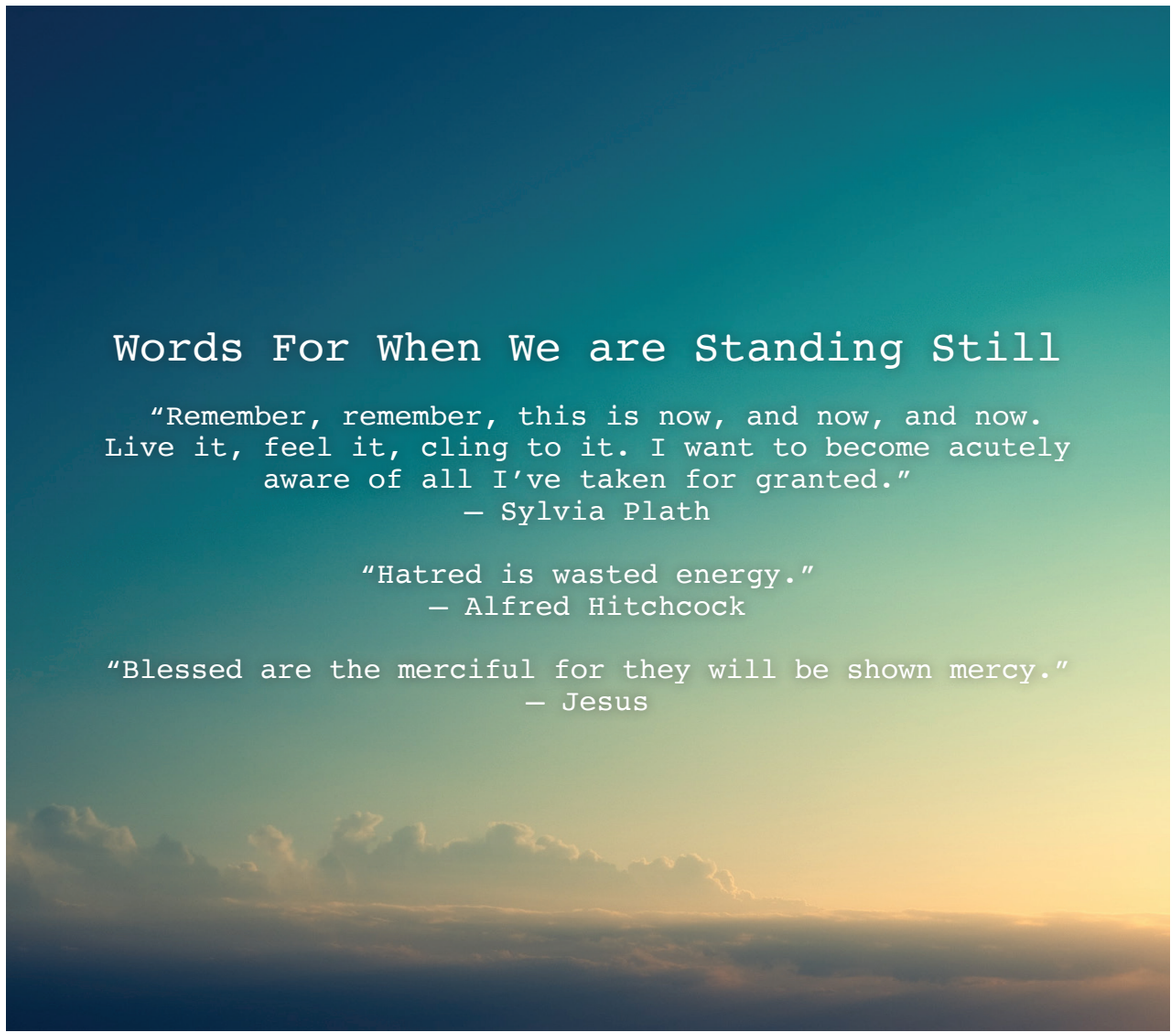

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH — THE CANDLE OF JOY
Holy One, we light this candle of Joy asking for the wisdom to know that joy cannot be bought
Teach us that joy is in forgiving when we've been hurt
Teach us that Joy comes from service and rejoicing in the well-being of others
Teach us to seek for joy, expecting to find it since you are with us.
May the candles of this wreath remind us to find Joy and to share it with others

***SHARING SIGNS OF GOD'S PEACE AMONG US**

***HYMN** **O Come All Ye Faithful** Hymnal 234 vss. 1, 3, 6

PRAYERS of THANKS AND CONCERNS
(Unison) O God of loving spirit,
We have seen you in many times and places
Open our eyes, open our ears to be more aware of your presence
May we care for one another and be patient with one another
May we find our joy in being less selfish and more connected to all your children.
For all who mourn, we pray for help and comfort
For all who are happy and well, we give thanks.
Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER
The God of love is with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the LORD.
Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks, remembering the Father's loving and saving acts, concluding:

God of the sun and stars, we praise you
and with all the creatures of earth and
all the company of heaven we join the unending hymn:

SUNG RESPONSE **Holy, Holy, Holy…** Hymnal 21
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might (repeat)
Heaven and earth are full, full of you glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest

The pastor recalls the Son's ministry and institution of the Lord's Supper, and concludes:

Therefore, Holy God;
Grant that in praise and thanksgiving, we may be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight, and that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

SUNG RESPONSE
Jesus has died
Christ has risen
Christ lives with us today

The pastor and people together invoke the presence and power of the Spirit:

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Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and upon these gifts of bread and cup, that through Christ's presence we may become a beacon of holy light, a source of joy, a witness for peace. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, one with seekers far and near, and one in ministry to all the world, until we feast at the heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

SUNG RESPONSE **Amen** Hymnal 20

MESSAGE

LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MUSIC AND REFLECTION

RECEIVING JESUS IN THE BREAD AND CUP

***HYMN** **O Little Town of Bethlehem** Hymn 230

***SENDING FORTH**
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit. To give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

***OFFERING** (the baskets are located at the front and back of the chapel)

*Please stand as you are able

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