



December 12, 2021

Advent 3

## WHERE THE WILD GOD IS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

In all the colour and variety of creation,  
God calls us into worship.

Through all the stories of God's love and grace, God calls us to worship.

We gather in the peace and hope of God.

We gather in the love of the great creator.

We gather in the warm embrace of God.

Let us worship.

### SONG

Days of Elijah

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/558980766/a942b45b72>

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

'What should we do? This is the question asked by those who came to hear  
John the Baptist.

His answer was to repent, change our mind and ways.

We are here today to do just that.

Help us to turn from that which is self indulgent and narrow to that which is open  
and caring of others.

We know that when we are self indulgent, and unconcerned for others we all  
suffer, and the Earth suffers.

We know too, the great call you make for us to know ourselves as one – one  
community, one creation.

And we know so well how far we are from doing the simple things of sharing  
from our abundance, of treating each other as kin, of living as Jesus.

Forgive us, we pray.


Amen.

### ASSURANCE

The apostle Paul said: 'Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let  
your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.'

Friends, let us hear these words.

We are loved!



We are forgiven!  
Thanks be to God!

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*(take this time to pray for each other, the community and world)*

### **SONG**

As the Deer Pants

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/597580505/71c1762e44>

### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of everything, we bring everything in our lives to you.  
All we have is yours, all we are is thanks to you.  
We bring it all, asking that you will use this money,  
our time, and our energy and as community  
to make real and alive your kingdom, your world.  
Amen.

### **READINGS**

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18

### **REFLECTION**

Prepare the Way

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/649796745/1222129e92>

### **SILENCE**

Now let silence gently enfold us...

May the silence we now share quieten us, touch our need, refresh our courage,  
and enlarge our wonder.

### **SONG**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/571490481/1565e2b586>

### **BLESSING**

God calls us to life.

God calls us to prayer in life.

God calls us to thanksgiving in life.

Let us go our way today seeking peace, living in hope,  
being gentle to each other and to ourselves.

Let us go our way rejoicing  
because the Lord is near.